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Manta Ray Band scrambles to find $300K for 2012 Olympics trip

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The Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band is scrambling to find $300,000 to cover the travel costs it expects to incur when it plays at the 2012 London Olympics.

SSHS principal Jesse Tudela disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the group has only about $45,000 right now, almost half of which has yet to be collected from pledges.

Early this year, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan had pledged $10,000 for the group, of which $5,000 has already been deposited in the group's account. Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos had also promised to donate $15,000 to the band.

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Parole status for some alien workers, students extended

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» Myths' about CW status, immigration dispelled

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials announced yesterday an extension of parole for certain foreign workers in the CNMI up to Jan. 31, 2012, and a grant of parole for students turning 18 "this school year" whose parents will be applied for a transitional worker status.

A valid parole is needed so that paroled foreign workers—mostly without CNMI-issued umbrella permits—will continue to have a lawful status in the CNMI while their CW petitions are still pending even after Nov. 27.

That is why USCIS is advising all those paroled into the CNMI and whose arrival-departure record, Form I-94, has expired or is expiring on or before Nov. 27, to apply with USCIS for an extension of their parole to Jan. 31, 2012.

There is no fee for this parole extension application.

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DEDICATION RITES CLARISSA V. DAVID

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is flanked by family members of Joaquina Mareham Rabauliman, who was the first CNMI Head Start Program director, during yesterday's dedication ceremony that officially renamed the Head Start Center in Garapan/Chinatown as the Joaquina M. Rabauliman Head Start Center. The event, attended by several members of the Legislature as well as Public School System officials, recognized the valuable contributions and accomplishments of Rabauliman, fondly known as "Kinai" throughout the community.

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CUC readying new water rate hike petition

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Customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. may not experience actual relief in their utility bills even if some reimbursement is approved for the levelized energy adjustment clause rate following the agency's disclosure that it is also preparing to file a new petition for water and wastewater rate hikes.

Acting executive director Alan Fletcher said Wednesday that they are working on "laying out the justifications" for the rate hike petition.

"I think we have a case to make. We know [the Commonwealth

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Bill seeks to allow NMI agencies to release alien workers' original docs

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Reps. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) and Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) pre-filed yesterday a bill authorizing the CNMI Department of Labor and the Division of Immigration to release original documents that foreign workers submitted in support of their application for labor and entry permits.

House Bill 17-230 requires a $15 fee for each original document that Labor or Immigration releases.

These original documents include, but are not limited to, birth certificate, marriage certificate, diploma, and official school transcript.

Yumul, in an interview, spoke of the timeliness of the bill because starting on Oct. 7, the U.S. Citizenship an Immigration Services will begin accepting petitions from employers for a Commonwealth-only worker, or CW, classification for their employees.

"As part of the CW application, employers need to submit some original documents that employees submitted to CNMI Labor. So instead of going back to their country of origin to get the original documents, they can just request for the original copy

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NMC faculty appeals for changes in job contracts

The Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College has been urged to revise the two-year contracts of its staff to ensure job security.

Dr. John Griffin, the Senate Faculty president and honorary member of the board, told the board yesterday that besides this long-time concern, faculty members are also urging the board to implement a policy it adopted 22 years ago relating to the promotion of personnel.

Griffin said the two-year employment contract policy was established by the board in 1998, while the policy on promotions was adopted in 1989 but was never enforced.

The existing two-year employment contract of NMC personnel stipulates that it can be terminated or not renewed without cause. Griffin appealed for an open-contract that can only be terminated with cause.

NMC has 28 instructors, 46 non-instructional instructors, and 39 part-time instructors. Board chair Juan Lizama expressed support for the proposed changes in the personnel employment contract, citing this has been on the personnel committee's agenda.

Also yesterday, the board welcomed the newly elected president of the Associated Students of NMC, Lawrence Camacho, who will serve as an honorary member of the board. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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Two of 29 lawmakers voluntarily cut pay

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Two of 29 members of the 17th Legislature have taken the lead in voluntarily cutting their paychecks starting Oct. 1 in solidarity with hundreds of government employees who will continue to receive a 16-hour pay cut every two weeks and unpaid holidays in fiscal year 2012.

They are Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) and Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan).

A third lawmaker, Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), continues to have his full salary directed to the CNMI Scholarship Office. He receives retirement benefits.

Santos (Ind-Rota) said yesterday she will continue to voluntarily cut her salary by 16 hours in fiscal year 2012, the way she did since April 2010.

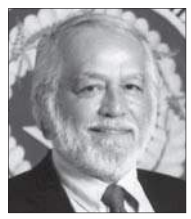
Santos is donating 16 hours of her biweekly salary to the Rota Municipal Scholarship Fund.

"As we are all aware, the education of our children, our most precious and valuable resource, is of paramount importance as they hold the key to a promising future and are driving force behind all that we do," Santos said.

Torres said he will also cut his salary by 10 percent beginning Oct. 1, also in solidarity with other government employees.

Hundreds of government employees have been working just 64 hours biweekly since last year as part of the Fitial administration's austerity measures due to declining government revenue.

Santos


Torres

These work hour cuts and unpaid holidays will continue under the $102-million budget law for fiscal year 2012.

Lawmakers, along with the governor, lieutenant governor, judges, and justices, have constitutionally protected salaries. Their wages are exempt from cuts during periods of austerity. However, they could always subject themselves to voluntary pay cut, like what Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos have been doing.

Cabinet members and department heads have already been receiving reduced salaries.

As early as April 2010, the Senate passed three legislative initiatives seeking to amend the Constitution to lift the salary cut exemptions for the governor, the lieutenant governor, lawmakers, judges, and justices when austerity holidays or other reduced work hour legislation are applied to government workers.

The initiatives, introduced by Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), have yet to pass the House.

Lawmakers each receive a salary of $39,300 a year, on top of their office allocation and committee chairmanship funds if they are part of the leadership. The governor receives $70,000 a year, while the lieutenant governor gets $60,000. Justices and judges each make $130,000 and $126,000, respectively, a year.

15-month sentence pushed for woman in fake credit cards scam

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Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto recommended a 15-month prison sentence for a Chinese national arrested on Saipan on charges of using fake credit cards.

In his sentencing memorandum, Benedetto said the government will recommend an imprisonment term at the low end of the guidelines range, which is 15 to 21 months, for Wing Yee Tse.

Tse, also known as Wing Yen Tse, pleaded guilty to two counts of access device fraud and two counts of misuse of immigration document as part of a plea deal.

The U.S. government further recommended that the court impose a three-year term of supervised release, an assessment fee of $100 for each count, and appropriate terms of supervised release for Tse.

The sentencing memo also noted the federal government's response to Tse's objections to the pre-sentence investigation report.

The memorandum stated, among other responses, that there is no merit to Tse's contention that "all of the fraudulent conduct…was committed inside the United States."

"Quite to the contrary, by defendant's own admission, she was recruited in Hong Kong, and given detailed instructions about where to travel, what her role in the scheme was vis-à-vis her co-conspirators, what type of merchandise to buy, who to surrender it to, and what her cut would be," Benedetto explained.

The government also disagreed with Tse's assertion that she "is a good parent." "Good parents do not embark upon criminal enterprises in foreign countries and thereby risk lengthy periods of separation from their children due to their incarceration."

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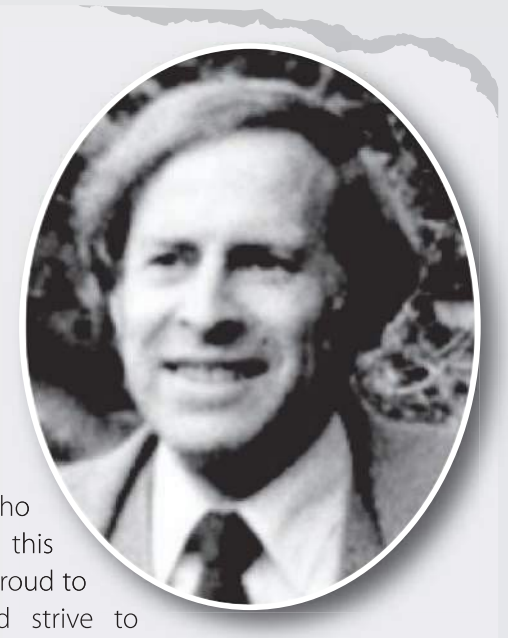

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'Grant our parents parole-in-place, improved status'

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Anne Asistores, 18, is asking what the federal government could do to help U.S. citizen children's foreign parents who are now fearing deportation from the islands that have become their home for over 10 or over 20 years as legal contract workers.

Asistores was among a large group of children and young adults who held a peaceful rally at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Wednesday night, coinciding with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' public outreach session.

The children carried placards asking the federal government not to break their families apart or asking for improved immigration status for their nonresident parents.

Asistores, a Marianas High School student, said that many parents are now panicking about their future.

Which was a cause for wonder for USCIS district director David Gulick.

It turned out that most of the children who joined the peaceful protest were never properly told that there will not be a mass deportation of foreign workers in the CNMI after Nov. 27 because they could obtain a CW status, H1B or other status under the Immigration and Nationality Act or parole-in-place depending on their situation, to be able to continue to stay with their family here.

Gulick deferred to Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), who was in the audience.

Sablan said he introduced H.R. 1466 to help four groups of people, including parents of minor U.S. citizen children.

"These four groups of people are the only ones I can help at this time. What do they want? To include everyone and not have the bill passed, or focus on those groups and have the bill passed? If they don't like what I do, then maybe I'll stop what I do, withdraw H.R. 1466 and not be able to help anyone," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gulick, during a news briefing yesterday, said they cannot change the rules or laws for those who will be out of status after Nov. 27. Those include those who won't have employers and are not eligible for H1B or other INA visas.

"We expect them just like any other person who doesn't have a job here, is not a citizen, to leave," Gulick told reporters.

USCIS regional media manager Therese Sebrechts said she was able to speak to many of the children on Wednesday night at the multi-purpose center. She said many of them "were under the impression that their parents had to leave no matter what."

For instance, there was one brother and sister who came to her and asked, "Why do our parents have to leave?"

Sebrechts said she found out that the children's father is employed, and whose employer will apply for a CW-1 status for him, while the mother can be petitioned for CW-2.

There were an estimated 200 adults and children at the venue on Wednesday night.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said he will make sure that the children's voices, as well as of their parents, will be heard in Washington, D.C. where he is headed today.

Syed said they will ask President Barack Obama to grant parole in place for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI until Congress decides on the U.S. Interior's recommendations to grant improved immigration status to these workers.

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U.S. citizen children with foreign worker parents hold placards asking the federal government not to break families apart or grant improved immigration status to their parents, during a peaceful rally Wednesday night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

CUC

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Public Utilities Commission] has a lot to consider and we know that they will look at it thoroughly and fairly," said Fletcher.

Water and wastewater rates were last adjusted in May 2010.

CUC was supposed to present its proposal for new water and wastewater rates in July but this was delayed because of the lack of CPUC commissioners.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that CUC's operating losses for both water and wastewater for just eight months ending on May 31 this year was at $2.8 million: $1.1 million for water and $1.7 million for wastewater.

Fletcher said Wednesday that CUC and its rate consultant have yet to come up with final numbers pertaining to the new rate petition.

CUC is expected to file the rate hike petition at the commission's Oct. 12 meeting.

Based on CUC records, the agency has an operating budget of only $11.7 million for water this fiscal year compared to the $13.3 million expenses it incurred as of May 2011.

For wastewater, the overall operating expenditure of $9.2 million has already exceeded the allotted budget of $8.2 million for the entire fiscal year—a shortfall of $1.1 million.

CUC legal counsel Deborah Fisher told *Saipan Tribune* that CUC is not for profit. "This means we can only provide the services that we are able to get the revenue for," she said after Wednesday's meeting.

Fisher admitted that the proposed changes in the existing LEAC charge to customers may be affected by the new rate hike petition because electricity is also being used to run water and wastewater systems. She said this will be thoroughly assessed by the agency's consultant, economist.com, and chief financial officer Warren.

Fisher and Fletcher said that CUC needs adequate funding in order to complete its systems' upgrade and repairs.

MANTA

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Because of the current financial state of the government and the crisis besetting the local economy, Tudela said that donations and financial help may be difficult to secure this year.

He is still optimistic, however, that the Manta Ray Band will be able to find money for their journey. Tudela said the group will schedule successive mini-concerts on island to raise the needed funds.

The SSHS Manta Ray Band will send a 50-member delegation with 10 chaperons to the London Olympics. Each member will also be asked to pay $1,500 for the two-week travel in summer.

The Manta Ray Band is among a few handpicked musicians from around the world that will make up the musical orchestra for the Olympics.

Last Wednesday, Tudela sought the assistance of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan who promised to provide 1,000 flame tree seedlings that can be used by the group in a tree-planting fundraiser. He said the group intends to sell the seedling for $100 apiece to sponsors.

BILL

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from Labor and Immigration," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune*.

The lawmaker said that Labor and Immigration can keep a copy of the original documents for their file.

"The Legislature finds that these original documents will better aid the transitional workers within the CNMI to take custody of the original birth certificates, marriage certificates and other pertinent documents that may be needed in allowing their respective employers to expedite the submission of the application for CW and other petitions instead of waiting for originals to arrive from the [foreign worker's] home country," the bill says.

PAROLE

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The worker applies for parole extension, not the employer.

USCIS district director David Gulick, in a news briefing, said parole will be extended to Jan. 31, 2012, because USCIS believes that by that time, these workers will already get their CW status.

Gulick, however, said parole could be further extended if their CW applications have not been decided yet by Jan. 31, 2012.

"But we're optimistic," Gulick told reporters at the USCIS Application Service Center in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

USCIS regional media manager Marie Therese Sebrechts and Gulick also spoke about benefits for widows/widowers of deceased U.S. citizens, and dispelled myths or rumors about the CW status and other immigration issues.

They also distributed packets containing information on how to apply for a parole extension for workers and students turning 18 this school year, and how to avail of benefits for widows/widowers of deceased U.S. citizens.

Gulick and Sebrechts' news briefing came after USCIS conducted 43 outreach sessions on the final CW rule.

Sebrechts said almost 4,000 participants attended those outreach sessions on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"It's been very successful. Our numbers were overwhelming, and all the questions were about CW status in the beginning. There's obviously a learning curve because toward the end, questions started becoming more detailed about situations beyond the CW transitional workers," Sebrechts told reporters.

Parole extension

USCIS' extension of parole does not include those who have been paroled into the United States solely as tourists.

Russian and Chinese visitors who have been paroled into the CNMI solely as tourists are not eligible for extension of parole.

Those who need to apply for an extension of their parole, in general, have a "parole-in-place" document attached to their passports and do not have CNMI-issued umbrella permits.

Foreign workers with CNMI umbrella permits are not eligible to request for an extension because this is not for first-time parole-in-place.

These umbrella permit holders will continue to be considered having lawful status while their CW application is pending by Nov. 27.

Those who need to apply for parole extension need to submit the following: a letter of affidavit signed by the person requesting extension; a copy of a valid identity documents such as the passport page with the photo, date of birth and expiration date; a copy of the requester's I-94; a copy of one's umbrella permit (if he/she has one); and a letter from the worker's employer verifying the latter's intention to continue the worker's employment.

All these documents need to be sealed in one envelope and have these clearly written on the outside of the envelope: Your name; "PAROLE EXTENSION"; and the expiration date of your parole.

Keep copies of these documents for yourself.

If the worker applying for parole extension is on Saipan, he or she can drop off the parole extension request at the USCIS Office on Saipan.

When you drop off your request at the USCIS Office, no one will be available to answer questions about it, unless you have an InfoPass appointment.

If the requester is on Rota or Tinian, the application for parole extension must be mailed to: DHS-USCIS, Sirena Plaza Suite 100, 108 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Hagatna, Guam 96910, ATTN: PAROLE EXTENSION – CNMI."

Not for travel

Parole of individuals in this situation does not include travel to any part of the United States.

This is different from advance parole, which is an advance permission that USCIS grants to leave the CNMI for a foreign place and return to the CNMI to be paroled back in.

Advance parole is no longer valid for a parole back into the CNMI once expired.

"If a foreign worker still wishes to travel and be paroled back into the CNMI, he or she must obtain a new advance parole," USCIS said.

Parole for certain students

Sebrechts said that in the course of USCIS' outreach sessions, another thing came up concerning students turning 18 this school year and whose foreign worker parents will be the beneficiary of an employer's petition for a CW status.

USCIS may be able to grant parole to the child so that the child can finish the school year in legal status.

"We were able to exercise some discretion here on that, thanks to Dave Gulick and to our attorney Phil Busch, we are going to have a situation where we allow these students to apply for parole in order to finish secondary school," she said.

USCIS will also consider granting parole for secondary/high school students who are actively attending classes before Nov. 27, 2011, and are already or will turn 18 this school year.

Only those children of CW-1 workers who are 18 years old or are 17 years old and will be turning 18 this school year, and who are studying in a secondary or high school in the CNMI, can apply for parole.

Benefits for widows/widowers

Sebrechts and Gulick said if one is a widow or widower of a U.S. citizen in the CNMI who died before Oct. 28, 2009, he or she must be aware that he or she may be able to obtain his/her green card under U.S. immigration law.

This is something that is available throughout the U.S., not only in the CNMI.

Widows/widowers of citizens who died before Oct. 28, 2009, but who did not have a Form I-130 petition for alien relative pending on Oct. 28, 2009, have until Oct. 28, 2011, to file a Form I-360 petition for Amerasian, widow(er) or special immigrant, for themselves and their unmarried minor children.

Garapan Head Start Center is named after Tan Joaquina

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The Head Start Center in Garapan/Chinatown was officially renamed the Joaquina M. Rabauliman Head Start Center yesterday to honor the valuable contributions of the program's first director.

Government officials and community members joined the children and siblings of Rabauliman, fondly called "Kinai" by many, in celebrating the "very historic occasion" in the CNMI and the Carolinian community's history.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial led Rabauliman's family and guests in the ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by the unveiling of the center's new signage and a latte stone that signifies what the Head Start program does: building the foundation of a student's life.

"Although I'm not part of the program, I am part of the family," the governor remarked, drawing laughter from the audience.

Fitial said that Rabauliman, his sister-in-law, was "one of the top two that has contributed tremendously" to his successful career.

Head Start Program director Melissa DLR Palacios described Tan Joaquina as an educator who inspired and molded young minds with her commitment, dedication, and passion.

Palacios, herself a product of the program, showed off her 33-year-old diploma that was signed by Rabauliman.

"Let us continue to build foundations within our children and make a difference in the lives of our children one step at a time, one child at a time," added Palacios as she congratulated Rabauliman's family.

Board of Education chair MaryLou S. Ada led the reading and presentation of copies of the resolution to each of Rabauliman's seven children: Manny, Cecilia, Frank, Henry, Andrew, Vincent, and Carmelita.

Rabauliman herself was not able to make it to the ceremony due to her frail health.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan said that she never had the chance to meet Rabauliman but recounted how she and Manny, Tan Joaquina's oldest child, got in trouble when the latter "stole" his dad's car when they were still attending high school in Mount Carmel back in the '70s.

Sablan described Tan Joaquina as "a living testimony of an accomplished woman."

Grandson Felix Rabauliman said he is proud of his grandmother, "a strong and very hardworking woman" who spent over 30 years helping elementary and Head Start students back when it was still called the Mariana Islands Community Action Agency.

Felix, who teaches at Hopwood Junior High School, said his grandmother "epitomizes the traditional Carolinian woman: strong yet very humble."

"This hardworking yet simple woman we're honoring today is in fact very thankful for the renaming of this establishment," said Felix. "Although she is unable to stand in front of you this morning, we, the family, would like to extend our humble and sincerest gratitude to all of you."

Division of Environmental Quality director Frank Rabauliman, one of Tan Joaquina's children, said the event was "very humbling" for their family.

"I'm out of words honestly that she will be one of the first Carolinian women that's ever recognized for the work that she did and the services she performed for the community," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Manny Rabauliman, the eldest son, said that while it's unfortunate that their mother was not able to join the event, he believes that Tan Joaquina is excited about being recognized.

"We're very grateful to the Board of Education, the staff of PSS for renaming this building after our mom. We're very glad and we really appreciate all their efforts in making this thing possible today," he added.

Bid to reduce bail for suspect in alleged battery case denied

The Superior Court denied Wednesday the motion to reduce the $10,000 cash bail for 20-year-old Mark Aguilar Espeleta, who is accused of beating up a Northern Marianas College student.

Associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo said, however, that he will allow Espeleta's release if he posts a $1,000 bail and $9,000 in unsecured bond.

Espeleta appeared in court with assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg as his counsel while Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest represented the government.

Espeleta was arrested on Sept. 26 on charges of aggravated assault and battery, and assault and battery after he allegedly punched an NMC student on the left jaw and kicked him on the chest on Sept. 2.

The alleged attack resulted in the victim sustaining a fractured jaw that required him to go to Guam to have it fixed. He reportedly incurred more than $4,000 for the surgery.

Espeleta is scheduled to next appear in court on Oct. 17 for his arraignment. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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Tinian Public Library successfully concludes "Kukunitus" program with gifts from the 13th Tinian Municipal Council represented by its staff and Councilman Joseph Cruz. The Tinian Public Library extend its sincere appreciation to Tinian Mayor's Office, Jasmeen Borja, Marveluz, the parents of the participants, volunteers Balbina M. Perez and Florine M. Hofschneider, certified Early Childhood teacher Maria Castro, the library staff, WIA SYETP participants, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Bank of Guam, Huang Shun Store, and the U.S. Postal Service.

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NMC's deficit down to $19K

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From a projected budget deficit of $855,000 by the end of the fiscal year, the Northern Marianas College was able to lower the expected shortfall to just $19,000, according to the college's chief financial officer.

Roger Madriaga described the projected deficit as "pretty small" and may not actually happen once all records are reconciled.

He said that tuition and fees paid by students played significant role in sustaining the college's operational needs.

He disclosed during yesterday's Board of Regents meeting that the projected $19,000 shortfall covers the last payroll for personnel and utility payments this month. Today is the last day of fiscal year 2011.

According to Madriaga, NMC's current finances may be described as "break-even" throughout the fiscal year.

"If you take a look [at the records] you will see that we are relatively stable," he said, adding that efforts and actions made by the college in the fiscal year were "wise decisions."

Since both payroll and utility payments fluctuate from month to month, Madriaga said the projected deficit may not actually be realized.

For instance, he said, utility payment went from as high as $74,000 a year to as low as $44,000, while payroll went as high as $198,000 per payroll to as low as $132,000. The college has close to 200 personnel, including federally funded workers.

NMC, he reported, received the following revenue and appropriation from various sources this fiscal year: $4.3 million for tuition, fees, and indirect cost; $3.9 million from the general fund; $142,000 in special funds; and $10.4 million in federal funds.

NMC has two funding sources: appropriation from the Legislature, which mostly pays for the salary of personnel, and tuition and fees, which pay for the college's non-personnel expenditures.

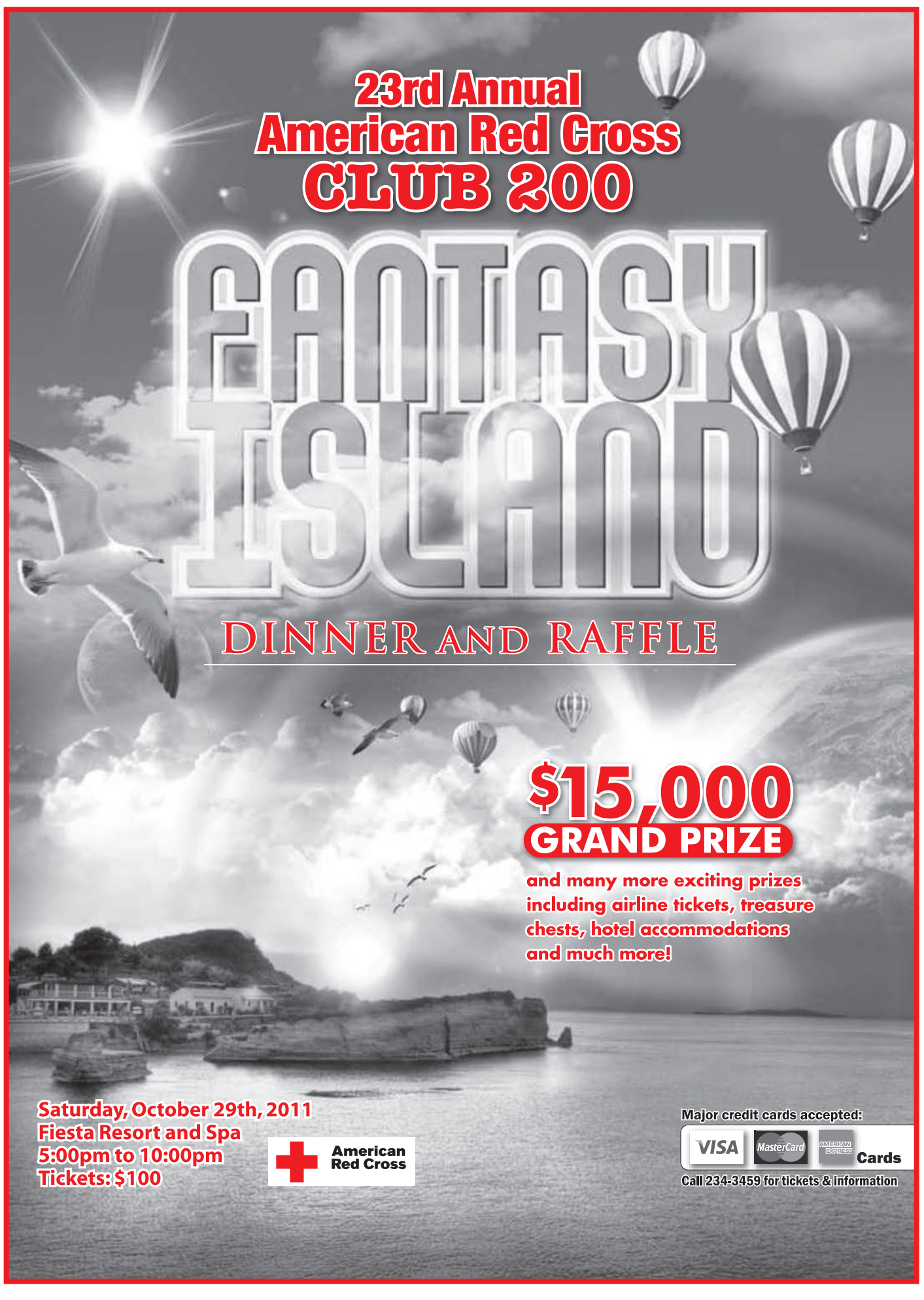
It was earlier disclosed that the college generated a total of $4.227 million from this year's tuition and fees.

13 beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged 12 beaches on Saipan and the West Harbor Marina on Rota and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected Saipan sites include beaches adjacent to the defunct Plumeria Hotel, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, south Puerto Rico dump, Micro Beach, south Fiesta Resort drainage, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach, Garapan Beach drainage, Sugar Dock, and the PIC beach.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan coast on Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***



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NMI among top recipients for STEP grant award

The CNMI Department of Commerce was recently notified that it was among the nation's top recipients of grant funds awarded through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Export Trade Administration. Acting secretary Sixto K. Igisomar received notice on Sept. 28 that the CNMI was awarded the funds.

Initially, unsure if the CNMI was qualified to apply for the grant, the Commonwealth Development Authority, the CNMI Department of Commerce, and the Marianas Visitors Authority sought to gain clarity on the CNMI's ability to compete for the funds and found that the CNMI was eligible to apply.

With just over a week to prepare a full grant application, the CNMI Department of Commerce and the Marianas Visitors Authority tapped the services of Integrated Professional Solutions, LLC to develop and write the full grant application. The firm was tasked with working with the CDA, Commerce, MVA, and the SBDC to put together an application that met the requirements of the grant program.

"The CNMI agencies are grateful for the work that was done by IPS and are impressed with the results, especially given the tight time frame in which the application was due. Although IPS led the charge, it was truly a team effort, with folks from MVA, CDA, Commerce, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the CNMI Small Business Development Center, Mr. Phillip Long-Mendiola, and Mr. Casey Jeszenka; all pitching in to get the program developed and submitted," said Igisomar.

The CNMI was among the nation's top recipients and was awarded $1,022,781, while Hawaii was awarded $487,519, and Guam received $135,097. The STEP grant, which is an acronym for the State Trade Export Program, will allow for CNMI small businesses to have various venues to promote their products in export market, firm of lines of services for export, develop CNMI small business acumen, and develop a "Made in the Marianas" brand for products that are exported abroad. The grant will provide tremendous support to the MVA for promotion and marketing efforts abroad as it is the CNMI's largest export.

"Tourism remains our primary and largest export commodity and as such, we will be committing a large portion of the funding to ensure that the agency has the added resources they need to promote our destination," said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. "This funding is a big win for our jurisdiction and comes at a time of great need. We are grateful that the US Department of Commerce took interest in our project and has expressed their willingness to help our struggling economy." ***(Office of the Governor)***

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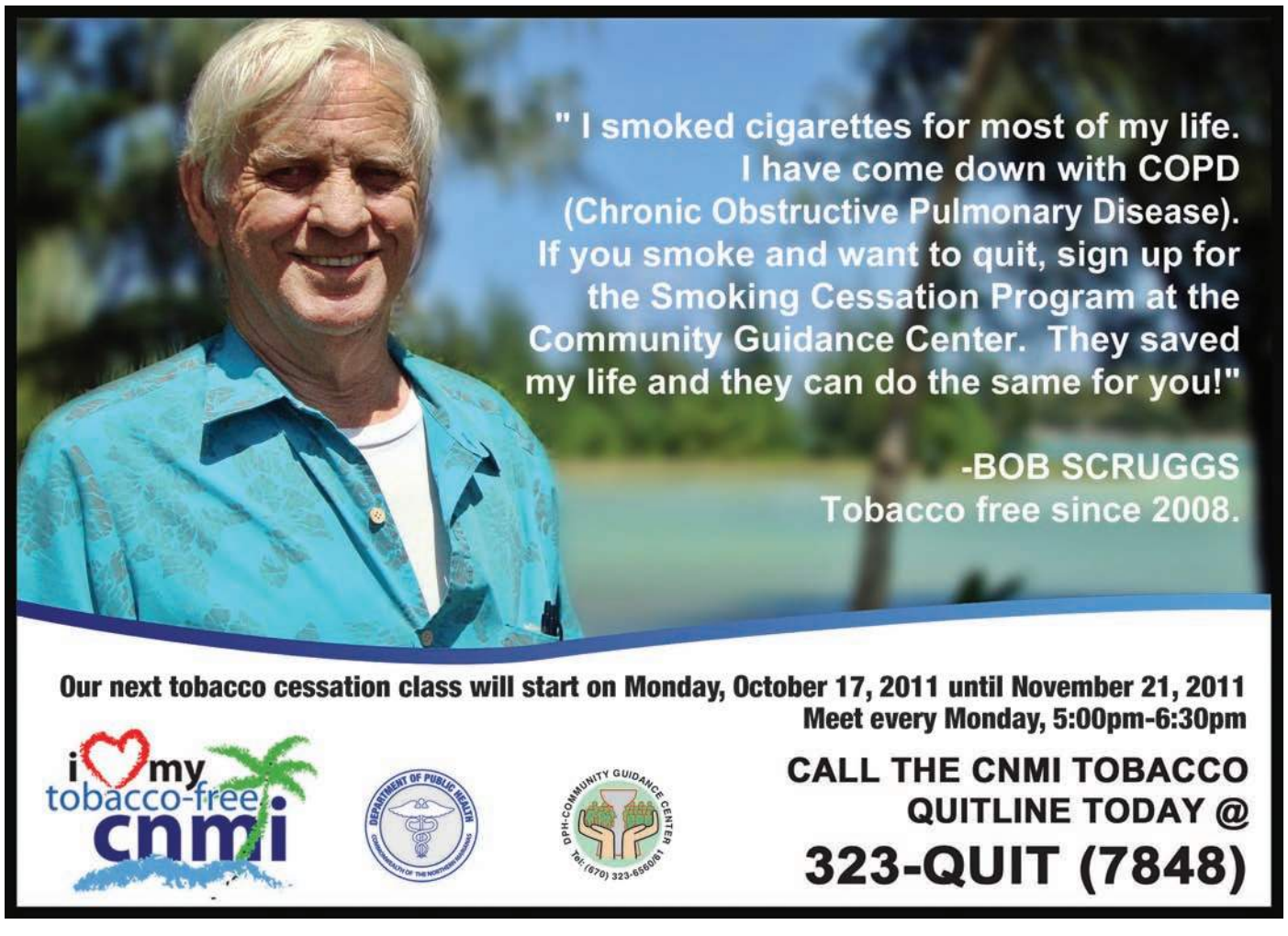
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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 30, 1999

Census project to create 550 jobs

At least 550 temporary jobs will be available to the local community as soon as the government starts conducting census on the population of the CNMI, the Governor's Office said yesterday. The Governor's Office also said the census project would provide a "major boost to the economy." Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed on Monday a memorandum of agreement between the CNMI Central Statistics Division of the Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, officially starting the Census 2000 in the CNMI. The agreement calls for close to $3.5 million in U.S. federal budget, and the project is expected to be finished by fall of 2000.

Govt urged to provide local funds for anti-drug programs

Saying the CNMI should not remain dependent on federal grants, a member of the Board of Education yesterday urged the government to provide local funding for drug-free and violence-free programs in local schools. "It is our own backyard that we're protecting, therefore, we should provide our money for that," Tom Pangelinan said at yesterday's meeting of the BOE fiscal committee. The federal government grants the Public School System over $300,000 per year for anti-drug programs. This amount is distributed among the CNMI's private and public schools which have complied with the program planning requirement.

Sept. 30, 2004

Govt revenue collections reach $55.2M in Q2

Government tax collections increased to $55.2 million during the year's second quarter, nearly $3 million higher than the total tax collections during the previous quarter. The second quarter's total collection reflects a 4.7-percent surge from the first quarter's collection of $52.72 million. Compared to 2003's second quarter collection, government revenue also posted an increase from that period's $54.58 million collection. Business Gross Receipt Tax contributed mainly to the latest figures released by the Department of Commerce, with a total of $14.13 million being collected during this year's second quarter.

CUC extends grace period for overdue bills

Despite problems with collection of accounts receivable, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has adopted a new policy giving additional days of reprieve to customers who have overdue power bills. Under the amended electric service regulations, CUC bills will start incurring a 1-percent late charge 30 days after their due date. CUC's current practice is to start imposing the late charge right after the bills become due. CUC chair Francisco Q. Guerrero and executive director Lorraine Babauta said in a public notice that the proposed amendments have been adopted as they were published in the Commonwealth Register last July.

Sept. 30, 2005

'Legislature's neglect caused budget lack'

The lack of a new budget up to today-the last day of the fiscal year-is the result of the Legislature's neglect and not of the Babauta administration, which submitted its budget proposal six months ago, said press secretary Pete A. Callaghan. Callaghan was reacting to a statement made by Senate minority leader Pete P. Reyes. who earlier blamed the administration for its lack of ability to persuade the lawmaking body to pass a new budget. Reyes had said that the situation shows that the governor "cannot work with the Legislature." "The administration can't persuade the Legislature enough to let them pass the budget. There's a lack of working relationship between the governor and the Legislature," the senator said.

Senate OKs $30K 'junk cars' bill

The Senate has finally approved legislation that hopes to address the environmental hazards posed by junk cars and abandoned vehicles in the CNMI. House Bill 14-347, which seeks to appropriate $30,000 from the Department of Public Works' Solid Waste Management Division revolving fund to pay for the removal of junk cars, was passed by Senate Wednesday last week. The transmittal letter from the Senate said the upper chamber passed the bill on final reading by a unanimous vote. It was passed without amendments. Procedure dictates that the bill will now go to the Governor's Office for passage into law. The bill's author, Rep. Justo S. Quitugua, called on the Senate to immediately pass the bill upon reading a front page article on *Saipan Tribune* about the issue last Sept. 19.

NEW STUDENT LEADERS NMC

Recently sworn-in Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College officers pose for a group photo with NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, third from left, after the ASNMC Investiture Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011. ASNMC is the student governance body at the college. From left: Lawrence Camacho, president; Eldred Sanchez, senator; Hart; Lauren Jardinero, secretary; Keolester Buenpacifico, vice president; Antonette A. Castro, senator.

Kilili bill seeks to address LIHEAP funding shortfall

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan has introduced new legislation increasing the amount of funding the Northern Marianas receives for the Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program.

"Families are struggling to pay for electricity here in the Marianas," Sablan said. "We have one of the highest utility rates in the country; and the current level of LIHEAP funding just doesn't do enough to help."

The CNMI only received $79,643 this year to help low income households.

Sablan's bill, H.R. 3063, would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Service to use at least 30 percent of the money from a related program, Leveraging Incentive Grants, for distribution to the U.S. insular area's LIHEAP accounts.

A total of $27 million was set aside for the Leveraging Incentives in the current fiscal year, so Sablan's bill would have added at least $8.1 million to what the insular areas received this year for LIHEAP.

"Currently, the insular areas get $6.3 million to help low income households with their utility bills," Sablan said. "So, my bill would more than double what households now receive."

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program became law in 1981 and was originally directed to states with high heating costs. Subsequent revisions of the law recognized that cooling is also an energy cost for low income households, but the funding remains skewed towards colder areas. Wyoming, for instance, received $13 million in the current year, while Hawaii's share was $6 million.

The law provides for a set-aside of not less than one-tenth of 1 percent and not more than one-half of 1 percent for all five insular areas—American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—to share. That insular area set-aside reflects the cold weather bias in the formulas.

But the insular areas, also, typically are allocated funds at the low end of the set-aside. In fiscal 2011 the insular allocation was just 0.13 percent, even though utility costs in all the insular areas are higher than the national average of 11.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

"Until we can bring down the cost of power in the Northern Marianas," Sablan said. "We have to find ways to help families meet that expense." ***(PR)***

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An 'old guy' takes the SAT

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High schoolers across the country have had Saturday, Oct. 1, circled on their calendars for a long time—the day they'll take the SAT exam for college admittance.

I know the SAT intimately. I have been running a test-preparation and tutoring company on New York's Long Island for 12 years. This year I thought it would be valuable to retake the test myself, to remember what students go through.

In April, I registered online (no more snail mail). With a late fee and the option to have my test booklet mailed to me, my fee came to $80.

That night, before I went to sleep, I wondered, "What if I screw this test up? What if my score is low?" I nervously laughed and told my wife. Her response: Imagine what your students are going through.

On test day in May, I showed up at 7:45 a.m. at Bay Shore High School (the same place I took the SAT back in high school in 1993). I could feel the stares and hear the whispers of the 16- and 17-year-olds wondering why a 35-year-old was standing in line with them. "Hey, check out the old guy," one teen whispered.

I made sure to enter the classroom first and slid into a seat in a back corner—to avoid distracting the students. But during pretest instructions, the supervisor ordered me, without explanation, to switch with a girl who was sitting in the front row, middle seat. Her look said, "We need to keep an eye on the old guy." The knots in my stomach tightened.

When the test began, I found myself forgetting to use the strategies that I teach students every day—like crossing out the entire wrong answer on a multiple-choice question, rather than just the letter. When I used the strategies, I remember thinking, "Wow, this is definitely making the questions easier."

But concentrating on one thing for 5 ½ hours is truly difficult, and just 45 minutes in, my mind began drifting. Unlike teens, perhaps, I didn't think about which room my girlfriend was in or the big upcoming soccer game. My mind instead meandered to my twin 2-year-olds and to the students I tutor who were taking the test that day, too.

After 3 ½ hours, the proctor, an older woman, walked by my desk, leaned over, and whispered in a friendly voice, "Why are you putting yourself through this?"

I gave a weak smile that said, "I don't know what I was thinking."

I lost focus when a student in back kept sneezing. Every time she did, five students unfailingly said, "Bless you."

SAT questions I had seen many times before kept slapping me in the face. For example, a grammar question asked if a person chooses between "this and this" or "this or this." (One should always say, "I am making a choice between this and this.")

I kept thinking that the exam is merely a test of how well you know the SAT—one of the many criticisms of this test, and of testing in general. I felt some frustration about this as I witnessed the anxiety of students around me. But I also believe that the SAT tests students on English and math concepts that a person should know before starting college. Teaching to a test that is based on high-level critical-thinking skills is not such a bad thing.

The last aspect of this ordeal—for me and for students—was

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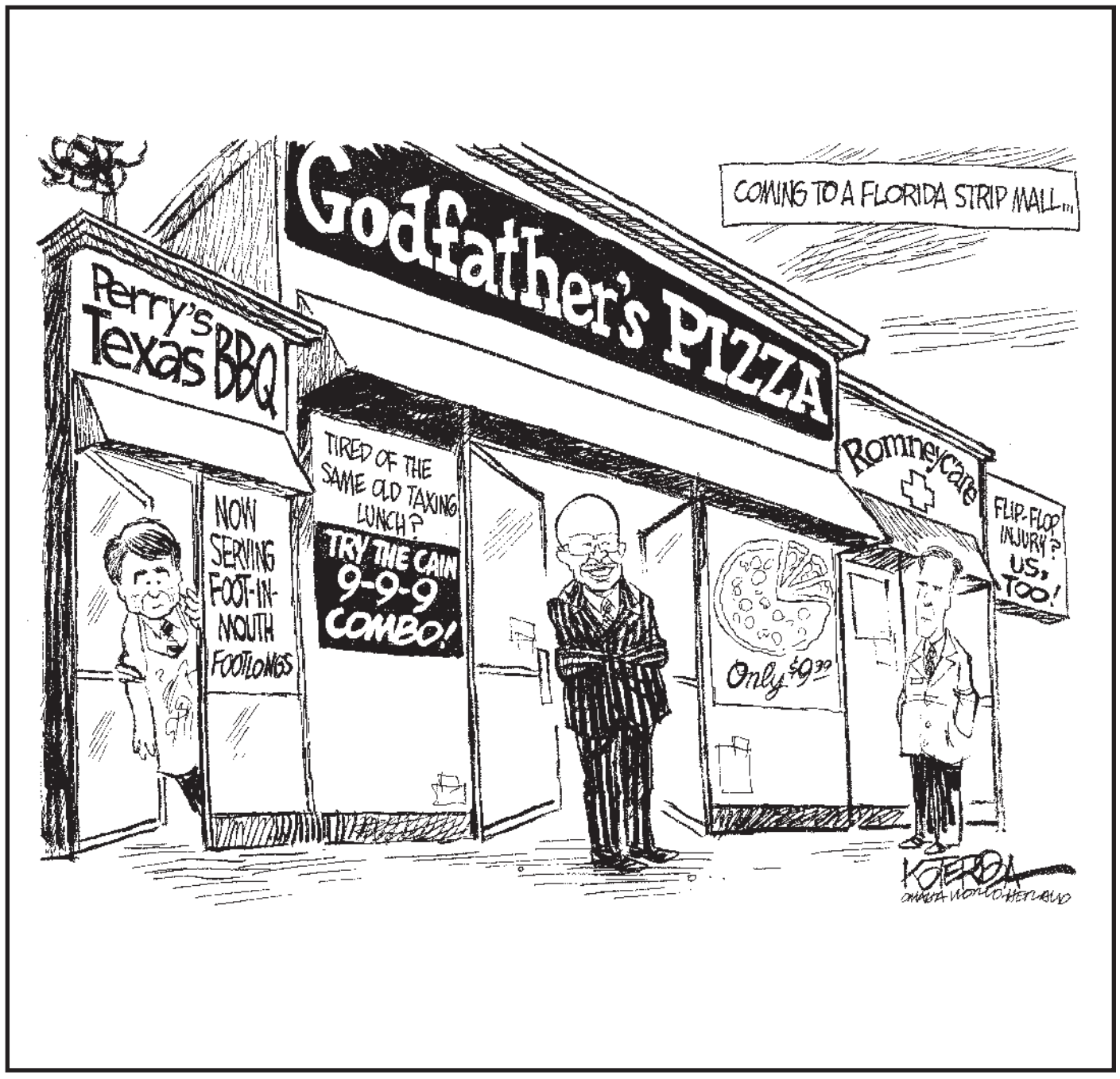

Tech, 2011: tablets

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I usually don't pay attention to tech gear that doesn't have relevance to my work. When I pass on tech observations to Saipan's business community, I'm just sharing my take from the work trenches. And on this note there hasn't been much to share lately. Computers have matured to the point where even five-to-seven year old technology is amply serviceable for most of us. So there's been less and less reason to talk about tech.

But I had an opportunity to get my hands on an array of tablet computers recently, and I want to share my impressions with you. Tablets are the big computer story of the year. Heck, they are the big story of the week, for that matter. Just yesterday Amazon unveiled a $199 tablet that is all the buzz in computer circles right now.

So, what's up with this tablet stuff? What are they? What are they good for?

A tablet pretty much looks like a notebook computer screen without the notebook. It's just a flat slab, maybe a half-inch thick or so, and the guts of the system are (somehow) stuffed into that thin space. Lacking a physical keyboard, the screen itself is used for inputs, and users push various virtual buttons or fields, and can typically call up a virtual keyboard that has the familiar "QWERTY" layout.

The advantage of a tablet is that it's easy to haul around. Hey, after all, it's just a flat slab. By contrast, if you've ever tried to use a notebook computer while you're sitting in your car, or in an airline seat, you know how awkward that gig is. Speaking of airliners, tablets are starting to see use in the cramped confines of aircraft cockpits, serving as electronic versions of maps.

The semantics here aren't very clean, by the way. "Tablet" can also refer to a notebook computer with a screen that bends around, which isn't what I'm talking about here.

I think the most common use of tablets is Web browsing. After all, it doesn't take a keyboard to web surf. So they're well suited for this, as well as watching videos, reading e-books, and stuff like that.

Every tablet I've seen connects to the world via built in WiFi, and many can use cell phone data connections as well.

The dominant player in the tablet game is Apple's iPad, which has a 9.7-inch screen. The current versions I've seen (the iPad 2) were priced from $499 to $829.

Outside of the Apple realm, names such as Acer, Samsung, Sony, Toshiba, and HP are part of the action now. Most of the ones I got to handle did not have Windows for an operating system but instead used versions of Android. But there are Windows tablets out there.

Tablets run in screen sizes from about 7 inches on up to roughly 10 inches. The 10-inch screens were by far easier on my eyes and far more inviting for Web browsing. Based on this experience, if I was to get a tablet or give one for a gift, I would steer for the screens in the 10-inch realm.

Costs of the major non-Apple brands that I looked at were around $300 to $850. As you might imagine, the smaller screens are usually the cheaper ones. To further muddy the waters there's a surprising number of new (to me) brands, some of which can dive down as low as $100 or so.

As for Amazon's $199 tablet, dubbed the Fire, it has a 7-inch screen, though I've read (but can't confirm) that a larger screen model is due out in a few months.

Will I get a tablet? Not soon. I'll admit that they are nifty. But I seek to minimize, not maximize, the time I spend looking at a screen; it's all dead time to me and it's not my hobby.

By contrast, people with larger appetites for screen time will be buying a lot of tablets, especially now that the holidays are approaching. Furthermore, specialized industrial applications, such as the aircraft example I mentioned, will surely increase the demand for tablets.

On that last note, tablets may become so integrated in work settings that we're all going to wind up using them anyway, one way or another. I suspect this will happen, but that's just a hunch.

If any businesses in the Commonwealth are using tablet computers I'd like to hear their wisdom and comments.

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Letters to the Editor

It's time MVA enters the 21st century

Check out MVA's website. Now look at Palau's, the Marshalls', the FSM's or Guam's. The difference is really unbelievable. These other places have good solid information, photos, and links; in other words, what you'd expect. (Let's not even think about Hawaii, we cannot even think about being that professional. But can't MVA get up to Marshallese standards at least?)

MVA's website has a section on culture, about half a page. Yes, given the history, the impact of other cultures, the traditions, family, the church and on and on and all they know about local culture can be said in half a page.

Golf. All they have to say on that page is said in three sentences. What? People here who have never golfed, never been on a course, think it's a very odd game if the guy with the lowest score wins, those people know more than three sentence about Saipan golf.

Diving. In about two paragraphs it says there is some World War II stuff under the water near Saipan and some more near Tinian. No kidding, that's it. There are no photos on the main page, you need to go to another page to even see water.

Events. In October there is a "50km Hell of the Marianas fun ride." You may ask, what is "fun" about "hell"? You may wonder if this is in cars, on horses, on bikes, or roller skates? None of these questions can be answered without calling a contact number on Saipan. Who in Japan or Korea is going to do that?

The internet is how people check things out, including vacation spots. People also trust and go to official sites. Some hotel can put up anything and rip a tourist off. The official tourist site is the go-to place to get good, reliable information, yet it seems MVA it not able to put up a decent site, thus leaving uninformed potential tourist to go elsewhere for information and vacations, like Guam and Palau.

The NMI has a lot to offer a tourist, yet it seems MVA is guarding our events and activities, not to mention culture and natural beauty, like a government secret. They don't even list an email address! That's right, you can't click on the site and find a way to email questions to the government agency that is meant to reach out to visitors unless you are in Japan or Korea, but even that is not to someone here in the CNMI.

If MVA is here to promote tourism, then it needs people who know the world has changed in the past 20 years and adjustments must be made. Servicing a few travel agencies is not helpful.

The website logo could be but should not be, "Maybe you can find us, but you can't talk to us, and you'll never figure out what we have to offer!" Sure, there is no money but the CNMI can't afford not to at least update the website. A decent website is not expensive. Things are only getting worse for the economy. Tourism needs to be aggressively pursued. If that costs money, then spend money to make money. Getting MVA, its website, and the entire organization into the 21st century is not expensive, its vital.

Jose Hozebee
Sadog Tasi, Saipan

Open letter to Delegate Sablan

Dear Congressman Sablan: In your most recent "e-Kilili newsletter" you announced the availability of a Registered Nurse position (Job Announcement Number: HO-11-10-128-DA-371047-RA, VACANCY ID: 371047) with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, in Guam. Please be advised that no CNMI nursing school graduate is eligible for this position, nor any other Registered Nurse position with the U.S. Veterans Administration, the Department of the Army, or several other federal agencies, due to the fact that Registered Nursing positions in these agencies must meet the following requirement: "[Must be a] graduate of a school of professional nursing approved by the appropriate state agency, and accredited by one of the following accrediting bodies at the time the program was completed by the applicant; 1. The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or 2. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)." No CNMI nursing course is accredited by either the NLNAC, or the CCNE. (Note: The NMC nursing course is the only government institution nursing course I am aware of in America that is not accredited by one of these accrediting bodies).

It should be noted that the U.S. Veterans Administration is by far the largest employer of Registered Nurses in America, meaning that CNMI nursing graduates are being denied significant career opportunities as a result of their courses not being accredited by either the NLNAC or CCNE. Interestingly enough, foreign nursing school graduates are eligible for these federal Registered Nursing positions.

Ronald Mandell
Gualo Rai, Saipan

SAT

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going online to check the results in late May. I was surprised to feel my heart race as I went to the official website. I was nervous ... then relieved: I had done well—a perfect 800 in the reading, and 760 each in math and writing.

Most important, I gained a lot of insight about what students go through. My inescapable conclusion: I don't want to suffer through the SAT again for at least an additional 18 years.

Tom Ehlers is the founder and owner of Method Test Prep, which provides private and group tutoring throughout Long Island and the New York City area and provides web-based courses. He wrote this for Newsday.

Mga kababayan ko!

This letter is for all my *kababayan* (countrymen) about the hype surrounding the CNMI Transitional Workers Final Rule because a lot of unscrupulous individual or groups of people right now are taking advantage of some of my *kababayan* by promising them a work visa or even extending their permit in the CNMI.

Just follow and remember this simple guide: C.W.—C.N.M.I.

1. **C** is for confused Filipinos seeking non-immigrant or CW status. You must consult the proper authorities, not your relatives, friends, co-workers, or peers regarding your options on how to stay and live here in the CNMI. Don't speculate or pay any amount to bogus individuals promising that they will give you the right visa after you've made an agreement with them.

I suggest that all of you attend a free seminar/forum conducted by USCIS within a week or visit their website at http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=378603dca1042310VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=68439c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD

2. **W** stands for workers to update all their valid documents including their original passport (valid for six months), umbrella permit, parole-in-place, SSS, CNMI ID, or, if you planning to bring in your dependent, a photocopy of their passport (if you're married, a marriage certificate authenticated by NSO).

Go to our Philippine Consulate General and seek advice on how to expedite your passport and the likes. http://www.philippinessaipan.org/philippines-saipan/embassy-saipan/about-the-office-saipan/

3. **C** stands for contract workers who have no jobs right now and will be leaving the islands with their wives/husbands and children. They must think and plan NOW on how to take care of their U.S. citizen kids before Nov. 27, 2011.There are a lot of cases that fall into this category. Filipinos value their families the most. They'll endure the travails of working abroad just to ensure a better life for their family. They are living heroes. I recommend seeking the help of our governor and lawmakers for advice on how to protect their U.S. citizen children.

4. **N** is for "nowhere-to-go individuals" (no job, no umbrella permit, expired passport) seeking the right status. They must seek the advice of a USCIS agent by scheduling an appointment at: http://infopass.uscis.gov/

Reality check: You must be prepared to leave before Nov. 27, 2011.

5. **M** stands for Manila, our last option if we fail to process our status before the Nov. 27 deadline. Don't gamble your status and follow rumors/hearsay/gossip. This is not a *telenovela* [soap opera] or movie anymore; it's reality. There are a lot of job opportunities in your respective regions and a lot of useful FREE training/seminar conducted by DTI on how to become an entrepreneur with an initial capital of $200 and below.

For free seminar/training on how to starts business: http://www.dti.gov.ph/splash.php.

6. **I** stands for illegal immigrant, who will be under the control of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a federal law enforcement agency under the United States Department of Homeland Security. We don't want to go beyond that situation and be deported to our home country.

I'm recommending to our local leaders here to enact a law like an "amnesty program" that would register the thousands of undocumented foreign workers, giving them a chance to work legally in a country that relies heavily on foreign labor.

I know that Filipinos are honest and law abiding, but this development could also have severe consequences for them. That is why it is so important that if you are in the U.S. illegally, you should seek the advice of a reputable attorney who could perhaps advise you of legitimate ways to legalize your status. Or, if you are an immigrant who committed certain crimes, it is very important that your criminal case be handled properly, so it will not have drastic immigration consequences.

But the bottom line is to obey the laws and don't get arrested, because you may find yourself back in the Philippines "for life."

Reynaldo S. Perez
Garapan, Saipan

No sacred cows

The CNMI government averted a government operation shutdown again this time. The Legislature achieved what they thought of as a balanced budget, but somehow some serious issues still linger. The continued disregard of past delinquent and tardy payments to the Retirement Fund is one matter that would render this budget an unbalanced one. Then again, what about those land taking claims that are not settled and paid for. We could not celebrate a victory for how this budget will affect the general public of the CNMI. But I would say this to all the legislators and the Executive Branch. Thomas Pain said over two centuries ago: "The public money ought to be touched with the most scrupulous conscientiousness of honor. It is not the produce of riches only, but of the hard earning of labor and poverty. It is drawn even from the bitterness of want and misery. Not a beggar passes, or perishes in the streets, whose mite is not in that mass."

We could expect that for the foreseeable future, the CNMI government should be thinking contraction of governmental operations amidst a poor and dismal expectation of economic recovery here and in the United States. The earlier we acknowledge this phenomenon, the better prepared we would be to adopt and adjust to the level of financial resources within our reach. Sacred cows like PSS, Department of Public Safety, NMC, CHC, the Judiciary, and the Legislature should all check reality and do the unthinkable by reducing expenditures to the level that all should be sharing in the struggle that is certain, i.e., no money to protect the sacred cows of this government.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

2PSCom?

Why should we convene a 2nd Political Status Commission? What does it mean? What will it accomplish? Who will benefit? Why bother? Does it mean we are anti-American? What will we get out of it? Will there be a cost? Will my family and my kids be better off? What are the possible outcomes?

Over the next few weeks I will try to answer these questions. More questions will crop up as we look at this issue. We will try to look at those too.

The 17th CNMI Legislature has passed a law that calls for a group to be formed to look at how the Northern Marianas Islands are politically connected to the world and whether that way is the best for you and me and all our citizens. They are to see where we are and how we got here. They are to look at several choices and try to decide whether we have the best possible deal. What we have is not the only choice, but is it the best?

The work this group will do is important and it is in four parts. They are not to begin their work with an answer, but will spend the next several months coming up with suggestions and recommendations that we the citizens will vote on and decide.

The next article will look directly at what the commission is commanded to do by the new law and how long they have to do it.

Until then, I'm Stanley McGinnis Torres and I don't know all the answers but I have a pretty good idea about what questions we need to ask. Please feel free to contact me by email : rep.mcginnistorres@yahoo.com or you can call me at 664-8903 if there is an issue you want me to talk about in this series of articles.

Rep. Stanley T. McGinnis Torres
17th CNMI Legislature

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲85° ▼78°	▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

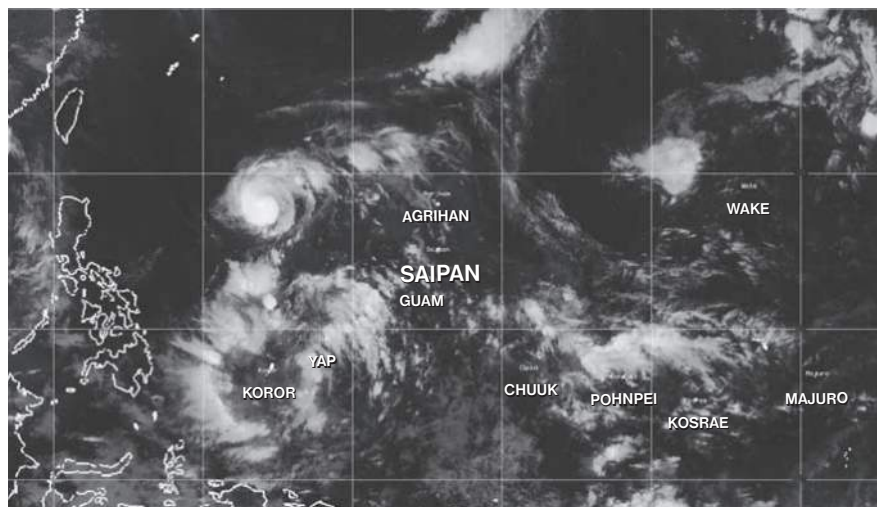
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Palau	Rain	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Chuuk	Rain	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲87	▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲72	▼47
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
Honolulu	Showers	▲87	▼76
London	Sunny	▲79	▼59
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲81	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
Melbourne	Rain	▲60	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼55
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲74	▼60
Paris	Sunny	▲81	▼53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼58
Rome	Sunny	▲84	▼60
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼60
Seoul	Sunny	▲67	▼48
Tokyo	Showers	▲71	▼61
Washington, DC	Showers	▲73	▼55

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Nalgae (22W) is centered 555 miles southwest of Iwo To island near 19N136E. It is moving westward at 6 mph with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 60 miles of the center. For more detailed information on Nalgae, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN33 PGTW and by the National Weather Service Guam under WMO header WTPQ33 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends eastward from the northern Philippines through 19N130E to Tropical Storm Nalgae, then continues southward as a surface trough to a weak circulation centered south-southeast of Yap near 5N139E. Isolated thunderstorms are found near the surface trough north of Koror and Yap between 12N and 18N from 133E to 141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring in the vicinity of the circulation over Koror and Yap between 2N and 12N from 133E to 144E. Converging southeast winds east of the surface trough are causing similar weather over the Northern CNMI between 15N and 23N from 140E to 147E. Trade-wind convergence is generating widely scattered to scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from north of Chuuk to over Pohnpei and Kosrae within 190 miles of a line from 16N156E to 11N155E to 6N167E. Widely scattered showers are present near the equator or south of a line from 5N151E to 4N163E. An upper-level low centered west of Wake Island at 20N158E is triggering isolated thunderstorms north of Wake within 95 miles of a line from 21N159E to 21N169E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:22 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
9:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
9:03 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:08 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM
Monday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:38 AM	8:21 PM
Saturday	9:42 AM	9:19 PM
Sunday	10:43 AM	10:17 PM
Monday	11:42 AM	11:16 PM
Monday	12:36 PM	

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C09314	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C09315	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09315	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	4, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
5K382	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	3, 4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	9:45am	12:55pm	1, 5
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C09315	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C09314	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C09314	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C09316	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	3, 7
C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K389	8:10am	9:00am	1, 5
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	3, 4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:45am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:45am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
5K169	2:20pm	9:25pm	1, 5
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Chamorro talk show tackles substance abuse prevention

The Chamorro radio talk show *Marianas Agupa* will feature Cris M. Sablan from the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition tomorrow, Oct. 1, 2011, from 10am to 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM. The discussion will be on the prevention of substance use in our community. The show itself is from 9am to 11am.

The Chamorro radio talk show is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona, with world report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos, a report from Rota by Thomas D. Mendiola, a special segment called Hafa Mohon with Juanita Mendiola and a report from Tinian by former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***

Delta Air Lines welcomes China Airlines to SkyTeam

Delta Air Lines welcomed China Airlines yesterday as an official member of the SkyTeam global airline alliance, further enhancing the alliance's industry leading position in the region.

"Delta is delighted and honoured to welcome China Airlines into the SkyTeam alliance," said Ed Bastian, Delta's president, who attended the official joining ceremony in Taipei alongside representatives from fellow SkyTeam member airlines. "The addition of this well respected airline complements Delta's existing service to Taiwan and with China Airline's strong hub in Taipei our customers will benefit from improved access to one of the world's fastest-growing regions."

Headquartered in Taipei, China Airlines is the largest airline of Taiwan, home to one of the world's most dynamic technology-driven economies. The China Airlines network will complement those of Guangzhou-based China Southern and Shanghai-based China Eastern, both current SkyTeam members. China Airlines' route network covers Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania, and will help customers connect to flights of SkyTeam partners worldwide. ***(Delta)***

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Early Signs of Autism
Learn the Signs. Act Early.

Red flags to watch for from birth to age 3

Social

Children with autism may:

- Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
- Not babble and coo by 12 months
- Not respond to their name by 12 months
- Use few or no gestures (e.g., does not wave goodbye, point, etc.) by 12 months
- Not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact
- Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
- Prefer not to be held or cuddled
- Have delayed speech and language skills.

Behavioral

Children with autism may:

- Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
- Have frequent temper tantrums
- Be overly active
- Purposely hurt themselves
- Repeat words or actions over and over
- Look at objects from unusual angles.

Other areas

Children with autism often:

- Are overly sensitive to touch, sounds, taste or smells
- Lack fear in dangerous situations
- Have an intense need for routines
- Have learning difficulties
- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your baby's doctor or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center at **664-4830** for a free developmental screening.

Children with autism can learn, grow and succeed.

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Big Steps for Little Feet

Division of Public Health CNMI Health and Well Being

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early.
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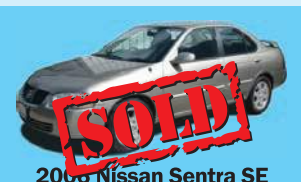

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Strengthening influenza surveillance in the Pacific

FIJI—A workshop aimed at reviewing and strengthening current influenza surveillance systems in the Pacific Island region is currently underway in Fiji.

Outbreaks of influenza can occur at any time of the year in Pacific Island countries and territories, PICTs, with the continual movement of people in and out of the region. The disease can also spread easily between PICTs, as demonstrated during the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic.

'We try to make sure that all PICTs, including the most remote islands, can send samples for testing to laboratories for detection and identification of influenza viruses,' said Salanieta Elbourne, Laboratory Specialist at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

It is crucial for PICTs to be able to detect and confirm outbreaks of influenza quickly in order to respond effectively.

Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, Deputy Director-General of SPC, emphasised at the opening of the workshop that 'Curtailing the spread of influenza is important because it not only affects the health of the population, it also impacts on the social, economic and financial aspects of a nation.'

The four-day workshop (from Sept. 26 to 29) is organized by SPC with funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

According to CDC Epidemiologist Margaret McCarron, who spoke at the workshop, 'Influenza is a significant public health problem at the global level, but little is known about the burden of the disease in most countries, including in the PICTs.'

'We encourage countries to routinely take samples from people thought to be infected and send them to reference laboratories for testing in order to know what type of influenza viruses are circulating in the region. This practice also helps contribute to influenza vaccine production,' said Ms Elbourne.

Seven PICTs (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu) and a number of partner agencies are participating in this sub-regional workshop. ***(Secretariat of the Pacific Community)***

GUAM NEWS

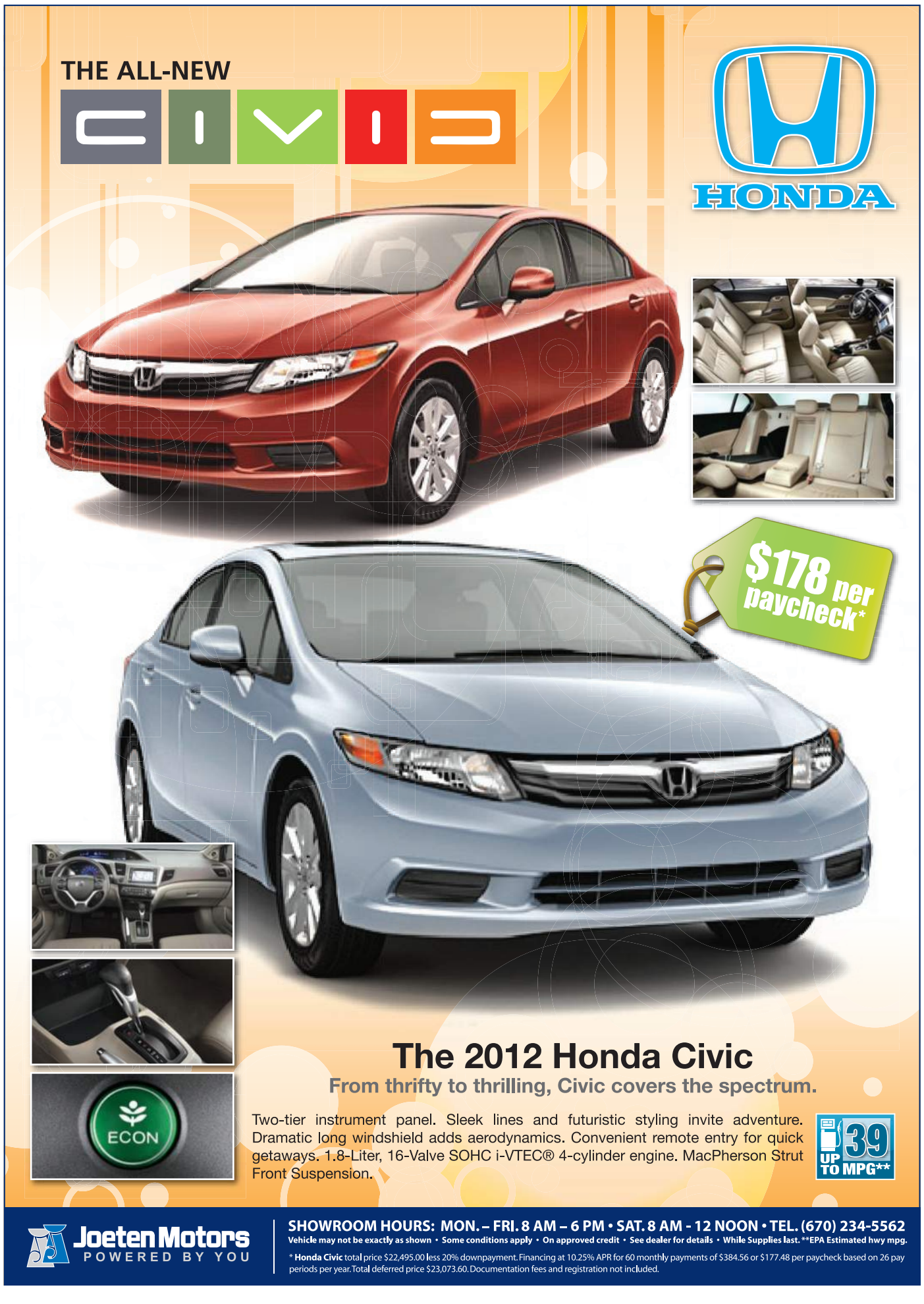
Guam non-profits get $461,181 from DOJ

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced yesterday that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded $461,181 in federal financial assistance to local non-profit organizations.

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Agana was awarded $250,000 through the Transitional Housing Grant Program. The funds will be used to provide holistic and victim-centered housing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims and their children.

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence was awarded $211,181 through the Grants to State Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program. The grant will assist GCASAFV provide culturally appropriate curriculum-based activities to support families, especially children, exposed to domestic violence or victims of sexual abuse. The funds will also be used to help develop initiatives to support underserved communities.

"The grants received today will help to improve services in Guam for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence," said Bordallo. "Catholic Charities and the Guam Coalition continue to work to protect and serve the most vulnerable in our community and these funds will assist them in carrying out their mission. I commend Catholic Charities and the Guam Coalition for their efforts to obtain these funds, and I look forward to their implementation." ***(PR)***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Parsons scholarships for UOG pre-engineering students

University of Guam pre-engineering students who have completed ES201 Engineering Statistics or who are enrolled in the course for the fall 2011 semester are encouraged to apply for a Parsons scholarship. Parsons, a construction and engineering firm, generously contributed $15,000 in scholarship funds to support pre-engineering students at the University of Guam. There are several Parsons Scholarships available for the fall 2011 semester worth up to $3,750 each. The scholarships will be awarded in October based on academic performance and financial need. Scholarship amounts will vary depending on financial need.

To apply for the Parsons Scholarship you must be a resident of Guam or the region and submit the following documents:

1. Application form (Download from http://www.uog.edu/../../admin/assetmanager/images/financial%20aid/parsonsscholarshipapplicationform2011-2012.doc)

2. A one-page personal statement about yourself and your academic goals. In the statement explain why you are pursuing a degree in engineering.

3. A copy of your official transcripts

All documents must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office located in the UOG Field House by 5pm on Oct. 14, 2011. ***(UOG)***

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Tuesday
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Rice, Ramen

Wednesday
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Yakitori
Salad, Coco
Rice, Ramen

Thursday
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Bank launches 5th Annual Christmas Card Contest

» Elementary and middle school students urged to submit entries

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam is now accepting entries for its 5th Annual Christmas Card Contest, which is open to all elementary and middle school students throughout Guam, the CNMI, Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"Island Family Christmas" is this year's theme, and the winner will be featured on the cover of the bank's Christmas card, which is annually sent to businesses and individuals. The medium is a 4X6 card entry using watercolors, pastel crayons, colored pencils, or acrylic paints only.

The first prize winner will get $250, while the second prize is $175; third prize is $100.

Gift baskets of school supplies will also be included with the cash prizes.

A Foremost Ice Cream Scoop coupon will be given to each of the first 500 entries from Guam. Contest rules and applications are available at all elementary and middle schools or at any Bank of Guam branch.

For more information, call Crescentia Perez at (671) 472-5361, via email at crescentia.perez@bankofguam.com, or by fax at 477-6796. ***(BOG)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Palauans in NMI to mark Independence Day

This is to inform all Palauans living in the CNMI of the 17th Palau Independence Day celebration on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, from 10am to 5pm, at the Laly 4-Chalan Kanoa Beach, Saipan**.**

All Palauan youth are encouraged to attend the event as there will also be the annual PCA Youth Club Election at 9am to elect new youth officers for school year 2011-2012. Other activities include recognition of youth officers, speech, lunch, dance, games, etc. For more information, call PCA president Rufino Aguon at 483-6232, or PCA youth coordinator Bernice Ravell at 285-4845. ***(PR)***

DEQ brigade sets Saturday cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's monthly cleanup brigade is picking up trash at Marine Beach in Kagman on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representative at 8am at the beach parking lot. Volunteers will split into groups and clean north, south, east, and west until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(PR)***

Fruit bat poacher gets 3 months

U.S. Attorney's for Guam and CNMI District Alicia A.G. Limtiaco announced Wednesday that Adrian A. Mendiola was sentenced to 90 days in prison, followed by a six-month term of supervised release with conditions that he not possess a firearm and perform 100 hours of community service.

Mendiola's sentence was the result of a jury trial and conviction in May 2011 for unlawfully possessing Mariana fruit bat, after authorities searched Mendiola's home and found four frozen fruit bats in his freezer. Authorities searched his resident shortly after two of the three maternity fruit bat colonies on Rota had been poached in late 2008.

"This case signifies the community's acknowledgement of the importance of protecting and respecting our environment and natural resources," said Limtiaco. "It serves as a reminder that not only will offenders be prosecuted, but that they will be punished for their violations, and in the process, threatened species such as the *fanihi* will be protected. Thus, violations of the Endangered Species Act, whether involving fruit bats, turtles, or other wild or marine life, will be prosecuted and offenders will be held accountable."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducted the investigation with assistance from other federal agency partners, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Marshals Service, the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric administration. The CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife also provide critical assistance during the investigation and prosecution. Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler prosecuted the case. ***(PR)***

Settlement reached in lease dispute

A businessman and a landowner who filed a lawsuit and a counter-claim have agreed to settle a civil action filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Michael Dotts, counsel to Ting Jian Tang, also known as Kevin Tang, and Victorino DLG Torres, counsel for Ignatia C. Aldan, signed Tuesday a stipulated dismissal with prejudice, which means the case cannot be re-opened.

The two parties agreed to bear their own attorneys fees and costs and that the court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement agreement entered into by the parties.

In February, businessman Tang sued Aldan for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, unlawful conversion and fraud and asked the federal court to order Aldan to pay him in unspecified amount of damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Aldan allegedly breached a memorandum of understanding that she and Tang entered into on April 24, 2009. *Saipan Tribune* files show that under the MOU, Aldan agreed to lease her property to Tang for 55 years in exchange for a proposed renovation and remodeling work on Mary's Bakery worth $98,675 plus an additional $10,000 in cash to be paid by Tang.

Tang did the renovation and remodeling work on Mary's Bakery and provided furnishings worth $98,657. In late September 2009, Tang learned that the property had already been leased to Lee Kwang Suk on June 19, 2009.

In March, landowner Aldan counter-sued Tang for breach of contract for not completing the scope of work in renovating Mary's Bakery. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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Coral Ocean Point Resort Club chair Vincent Dlg. Torres presents a certificate of appreciation to COP housekeeper Jenny Tengco for her honesty and sincerity. Tengco was recognized by the resort's management for returning money to one of the resort's guests.

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Glenna out; Melchor Mendiola takes over as LB director

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REPORTER

The Legislature will have a new Legislative Bureau director effective Oct. 1, the start of fiscal year 2012, lawmakers said yesterday.

This came after the House and Senate leaderships decided not to renew the contract of Glenna SP. Reyes and voted to pick legislative assistant Melchor Mendiola as her replacement during a closed-door meeting yesterday afternoon.

Reyes' contract as LB director expires today.

There were 15 leadership members from the House and Senate who attended yesterday's meeting. Some of those who were interviewed requested that their names not be published.

On a piece of paper, the 16 members wrote the name of either Reyes or Mendiola as to the question of who they want to be LB director.

Reyes

There were nine members who voted for Mendiola, and only six for Reyes.

"The House leadership wants to make it right by following the Constitution, that every Legislature gets to choose the LB director. But because the current director was given a contract by the previous Legislature, we just went ahead and tried to honor that, though we thought it violated the Constitution. Now that her contract expires Sept. 30, the joint leadership should decide on her replacement," one of the members who was at the meeting said.

Another member said it was not a matter of not renewing Reyes' contract, but "just making it right."

Article II Section 17(a) of the NMI Constitution holds that the LB shall be "appointed by the joint leadership of the Legislature consisting of the presiding officers, vice presiding officers, floor leaders, and the chairmen of the standing committees."

The joint leadership wanted to ensure continuity at the LB, but has yet to decide whether Reyes could be hired for another position at the LB. Some members said that Mendiola is familiar with the bureau's operation and transition won't be a problem.

Some members interviewed said they thank Reyes for her service to the bureau, the lawmakers and the CNMI in general.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) sought a meeting between the House and Senate leadership early this week to tackle the LB director's position, given that the current director's contract signed by former speaker Arnold Palacios and senator Frica Pangelinan expires today.

Inos, MVA officials in Japan for JATA's World Travel Fair

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and press secretary Angel Demapan, along with some Marianas Visitors Authority board members, left for Tokyo, Japan on Wednesday to attend the annual Japan Association of Travel Agents World Trade Fair 2011.

Inos

JATA is Japan's national organization of travel agents and suppliers promoting the travel and tourism industry. Its annual world trade fair, Japan's largest annual travel show, attracts over 100,000 travel trade representatives, media representatives and potential visitors.

Inos and the rest of the CNMI officials are also in Japan for the mid-year Japan-Marianas Tourism Club, or JMTC.

"As you know, the lieutenant governor has been an integral part of the success of JMTC with respect to the government's participation," Inos' legal counsel, Teresa Kim, said yesterday.

JMTC meetings are also held on Saipan, but this particular meeting is being held in Tokyo. Kim said they always invite Inos "and appreciate his presence and participation in these working meetings."

"During these times of financial hardship in the CNMI, it is important not only to show support for our sole economic industry, but to meet with our partners and understand their concerns and assist to revive our tourism industry," Kim added.

The CNMI's main travel market is Japan.

She also said that MVA will conduct its Marianas Workshop this afternoon to "update travel agents about the Northern Marianas destination.

"The Marianas Workshop is expected to attract over 110 travel agents and media and will be held at Tokyo Bay Ariake Washington Hotel," Kim said.

The CNMI officials are expected to be back during the weekend.

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MVA-RFP-12-2311

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/s/ HERMAN SABLAN
Director, P&S

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
Managing Director

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RFP11-DCCA/CCDF-130

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Business

Obama appeals health care setback to high court

WASHINGTON (AP)—Raising prospects for a major election-year ruling, the Obama administration launched its Supreme Court defense of its landmark health care overhaul Wednesday, appealing what it called a "fundamentally flawed" appeals court decision that declared the law's central provision unconstitutional.

Destined from the start for a high court showdown, the health care law affecting virtually every American seems sure to figure prominently in President Barack Obama's campaign for re-election next year. Republican contenders are already assailing it in virtually every debate and speech.

Obama

The administration formally appealed a ruling by the federal appeals court in Atlanta that struck down the law's core requirement that individuals buy health insurance or pay a penalty beginning in 2014. At the same time, however, the winners in that appellate case, 26 states and the National Federation of Independent Business, also asked for high court review Wednesday, saying the entire law, and not just the individual insurance mandate, should be struck down.

The Supreme Court almost always weighs in when a lower court has struck down all or part of a federal law, to say nothing of one that aims to extend insurance coverage to more than 30 million Americans.

The bigger question had been the timing. The administration's filing makes it more likely that the case will be heard and decided in the term that begins next week.

Repeating arguments it has made in courts across the country in response to many challenges to the law, the administration said Congress was well within its constitutional power to enact the insurance requirement.

Disagreeing with that, the 26 states and business group said in their filings that the justices should act before the 2012 presidential election because of uncertainty over costs and requirements.

On the issue of timing, their cause got an unexpected boost from retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, who said voters would be better off if they knew the law's fate law before casting their ballots next year.

The 91-year-old Stevens said in an Associated Press interview that the justices would not shy away from deciding the case in the middle of a presidential campaign and would be doing the country a service. "It would be better to have that known about than be speculated as a part of the political argument," Stevens said in his Supreme Court office overlooking the Capitol.

The European Union in crisis; Will it survive?

BRUSSELS (AP)—Until recently, the idea that the 27-nation European Union might disintegrate would have been unthinkable, for uniting a continent ripped apart by two World Wars was considered a rousing diplomatic success.

But the EU's two most cherished achievements—a common currency and the free movement of people across borders—are under threat. And the possibility that the decades-long experiment that is the EU might not survive in its present form has now entered mainstream debate.

The Polish finance minister, Jacek Rostowski, has raised the prospect that the EU might split apart. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said if its common currency, the euro, failed, so too would Europe itself. And experts say the euro's stability is by no means assured: George Osborne, the British chancellor, has said that only a few weeks remain to save it.

On Wednesday, Jose Manuel Barroso, the president of the European Commission, the EU's executive arm, described the state of the union in unusually stark terms. The EU, he said, was facing the biggest challenge since its creation.

"We're in a crucial moment in history," he said. "If we do not move forward with more unification, we will suffer more fragmentation."

None of these officials is predicting the EU's demise. But it is a measure of the gravity of situation that they are discussing the possibility at all.

Since the 1950s, the strengthening of European integration had seem slow and fitful, but also inexorable. In 1951, six countries formed the European Coal and Steel Community. In 1957, they established the European Economic Community.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bernanke: Long-term unemployment a national crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Wednesday that long-term unemployment is a "national crisis" and suggested that Congress should take further action to combat it. He also said lawmakers should provide more help to the battered housing industry. Bernanke noted that about 45 percent of the unemployed have been out of work for at least six months. "This is unheard of," he said in a question-and-answer session after a speech in Cleveland. "This has never happened in the post-war period in the United States. They are losing the skills they had, they are losing their connections, their attachment to the labor force."

He added: "The unemployment situation we have, the job situation, is really a national crisis."

Obama admin approves 2 solar loans worth $1B

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Energy Department on Wednesday approved two loan guarantees worth more than $1 billion for solar energy projects in Nevada and Arizona, two days before the expiration date of a program that has become a rallying cry for Republican critics of the Obama administration's green energy program. Energy Secretary Steven Chu said the department has completed a $737 million loan guarantee to Tonopah Solar Energy for a 110 megawatt solar tower on federal land near Tonopah, Nev., and a $337 million guarantee for Mesquite Solar 1 to develop a 150 megawatt solar plant near Phoenix. The loans were approved under the same program that paid for a $528 million loan to Solyndra Inc., a California solar panel maker that went bankrupt after receiving the money and laid off 1,100 workers. Solyndra is under investigation by the FBI and is the focal point of House hearings on the program.

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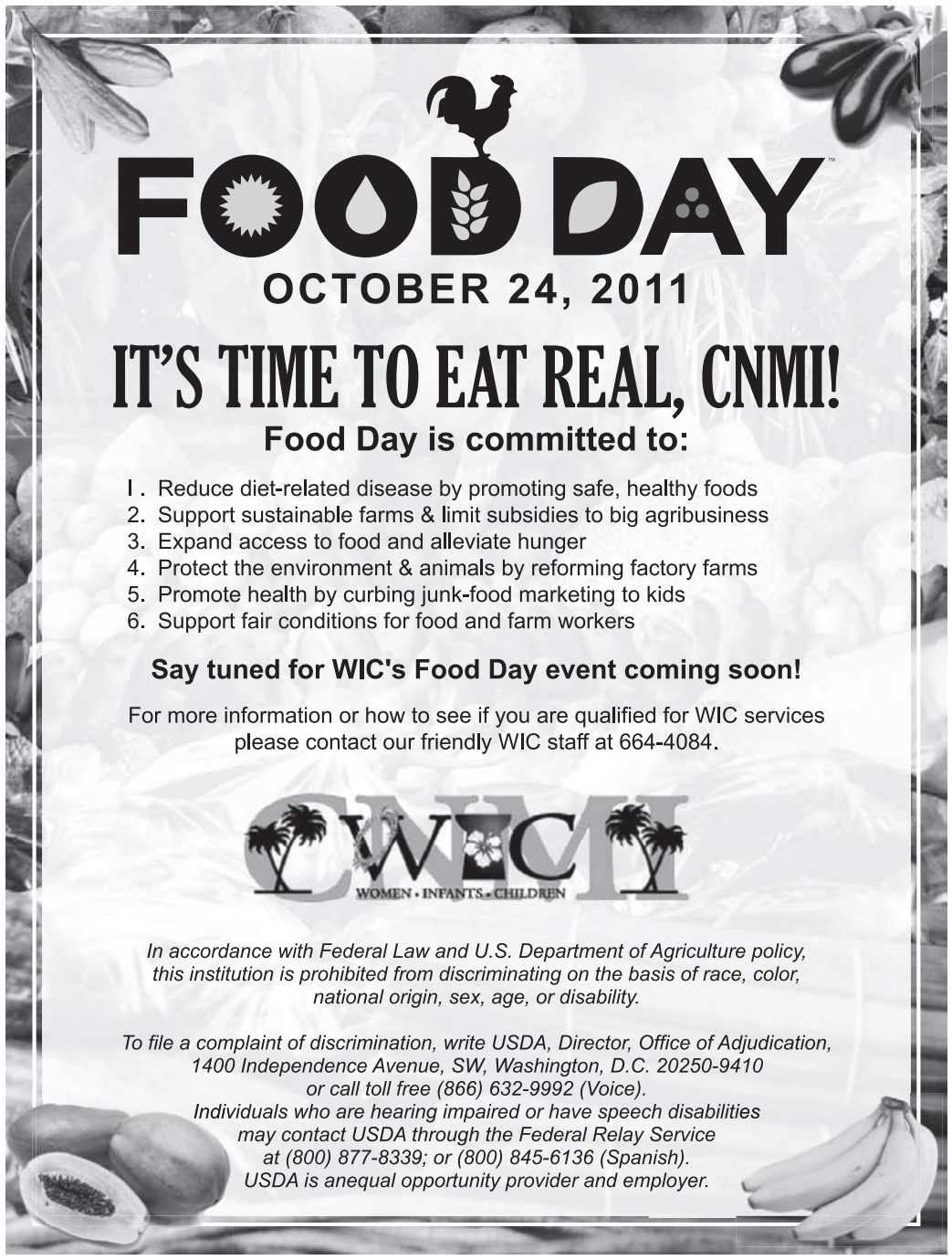
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Obama says he can't fix immigration on his own

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing weakening support among Hispanics, President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration Wednesday over what he called an inaccurate and damaging perception that he can fix the nation's flawed immigration system on his own.

"This notion that somehow I can just change the laws unilaterally is just not true," Obama said during a White House roundtable targeting Hispanic voters, a key constituency for the president's re-election campaign.

The president said comprehensive immigration reform continues to be a "top priority" for his administration. But he blamed Republicans in Congress for failing to join Democrats in supporting legislation that would address the flow of foreigners into the U.S. and deal with illegal immigrants already in the U.S.

"Only a few years ago, as I said, you had some Republicans who were willing to recognize that we needed to fix our immigration system," Obama said, noting that his predecessor, George W. Bush, was among them. "Right now you do not have that kind of leadership coming from the Republican Party."

A strong majority of Hispanics supported Obama's election in 2008. But his support among Hispanics has declined, as it has in the broader population. A recent Gallup survey found 48 percent of Hispanic voters approving of Obama's job performance, compared with 60 percent in January.

While Obama has made little progress on comprehensive immigration legislation, he has pushed Congress to pass the Dream Act, which would provide a route to legal status for college students and service members brought to the country as children. The bill passed the House last year when it was controlled by Democrats but was blocked by Senate Republicans.

"I think there's been a great disservice done to the cause of getting a Dream Act passed and getting comprehensive immigration passed by perpetrating the notion that somehow by myself I can go and do these things," Obama said. "We have to pass bills through the legislature and then I can sign it."

Democrats view Hispanic voters as a voting bloc in 2012 that could help determine the outcome in swing states such as Florida, Colorado and Nevada. The Democratic National Committee has aired Spanish-language ads in those states in the past week to tout the benefits of Obama's jobs bill for small business and workers in the construction industry, which the DNC said employs 2.77 million Hispanics.

Hispanics accounted for more than half of the U.S. population increase over the last decade, exceeding estimates in most states and totaling 50 million.

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ELISA P. AQUININGOC/JESSE P. AQUININGOC (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 4, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 10, 1998 under Document No. 98-4068 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 008 T 114
Containing an area of 923 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 88-161, dated January 19, 1988, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$38,500.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

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By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,400.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$36,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) proclamation ceremony is scheduled this Friday, September 30, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Governor's Conference Room.

Stakeholders, advocates, employers and persons with disabilities, please join us at this important occasion.

For more information please call 322-6537/8 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY).

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Thank You.

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

GINA K. SOMORANG/ SOLEDAD K. SOMORANG AND MIGUEL O. SOMORANG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about May 02, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 03, 1984, under Document No. 84-686 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 005 I 548, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 885 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYE'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,400.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

JOHN ALAN C. KING AND CARLA MARIE DLC. KING (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 08, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 12, 2003, under Document No. 03-2781 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 330 R 321 CONTAINING AS AREA OF 838 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS AS SHOWN ON THE DIVEISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 330 R 08 DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1996, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 97-746, DATED APRIL 02, 1996, THE DESRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCROPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 02, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011,** at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

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The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$36,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

LORETTA K. DELEON GUERRERO ("Trustor"), on or about June 29, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 30, 1998, under Document No. 98-1942 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 010 K 05, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 892 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 010 K 01 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 87-2911 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$40,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$40,600.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

ACROSS THE NATION

Cantaloupe illnesses and deaths expected to rise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal health officials said Wednesday more illnesses and possibly more deaths may be linked to an outbreak of listeria in cantaloupe in coming weeks. So far, the outbreak has caused at least 72 illnesses—including up to 16 deaths—in 18 states, making it the deadliest food outbreak in the United States in more than a decade. The heads of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration said consumers who have cantaloupes produced by Jensen Farms in Colorado should throw them out. If they are not sure where the fruit is from, they shouldn't eat it. Neither the government nor Jensen Farms has supplied a list of retailers who may have sold the fruit. Officials say consumers should ask retailers about the origins of their cantaloupe. If they still aren't sure, they should get rid of it.

Judge: Loughner can be made mentally fit for trial

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A federal judge ruled Wednesday that the man accused of wounding Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in a deadly shooting rampage can eventually be made mentally fit to stand trial and should stay at a prison hospital for four more months. U.S. District Judge Larry Burns made the decision as Jared Lee Loughner sat nearby, listening intently and quietly. The 23-year-old's demeanor was in stark contrast to his last court appearance in May, when an angry, loud outburst got him kicked out the courtroom. Burns noted on Wednesday that Loughner wasn't smirking and that, for once, was paying attention to the proceedings. "There's reason to be optimistic he will recover and be able to assist in his case," the judge said in ruling there's a substantial probability Loughner's mental health could be restored. "The court finds that measurable progress has been made."

Colo. boy, 13, pleads guilty to killing parents

BURLINGTON, Colo. (AP)—A 13-year-old boy who prosecutors say was playing with toy trucks and planes right before he shot and killed his parents was sentenced Wednesday to seven years in juvenile detention after pleading guilty to murder. The boy was 12 in March when prosecutors say he shot Marilyn and Charles Long with a .357 Magnum revolver in Burlington, a small farming community about 140 miles east of Denver. He also pleaded guilty to attempt to commit first-degree murder and three counts of assault for attacking two of his younger siblings. He could have faced decades in prison if he had been tried and convicted an adult. The light sentence angered some relatives, but District Attorney Bob Watson said state law forced him to choose between what he saw as an unacceptably light juvenile sentence and an unnecessarily harsh lifetime sentence.

Husband of missing Utah mom not getting kids back

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—The husband of a missing Utah woman is temporarily losing the right to care for his children after officials questioned Wednesday whether he is responsible for his wife's disappearance. Judge Kathryn Nelson said there is reasonable cause to believe the two boys cannot be safely returned to the home of Josh Powell, so she ordered that the kids will temporarily stay with Susan Powell's parents, Chuck and Judy Cox. Josh Powell will have visitation rights. Powell is a person of interest in his wife's disappearance, but he has not been charged and insists he did nothing wrong. John Long, an assistant attorney general, described during Wednesday's hearing a variety of concerns he has about Josh Powell, including that he has been uncooperative with law enforcement.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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DONALD C. CAMACHO and ROSALINDA ULLOA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 20, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 23, 2004 under Document No. 04-3035 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot 001 C 57, (part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of Lot 001 C 15, which was part of Lot 001 C 13, which was part of original Lot 001 C 5, TD 697), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 11, the original of which was recorded 05 JUN as Document No. 98-1697 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$66,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

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Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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LUCIA M. DELEON GUERRERO ("Trustor"), on or about May 23, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 23, 1985, under Document No. 85-0991 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

TRACT NUMBER 20472-6, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 907 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2064/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND COMMISSION AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14154, ON THE 26TH OF MARCH, 1982.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$84,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

VINCENT N. ITAMAN/ ROSA L. TAMAN/ VINCENTE E. TAMAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 27, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 27, 1984 under Document No. 84-659 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 005 I 531, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 745 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 10, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$30,800.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$30,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

JUAN F. BARCINAS and BARBARA DLC. EVANGELISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 14, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 16, 1983, under Document No. 17490 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT 001 T 52, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 001 T 00, DATED AUGUST 14, 1969, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,486 SQUARE METERS.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$92,800.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$92,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

MARIA A. TEREGEYO ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 84-881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$80,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$80,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

VICENTE W. KAIPAT and LEONILA S. KAIPAT (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 21, 1994, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation formerly known as Marianas Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 10, 1994, under Document No. 94-1199 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 330, containing an area of 1,109 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 07, dated September 8, 1982, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 18433, dated September 30, 1983 the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$32,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$32,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

China: Taiwan arms sale will disrupt US exchanges

BEIJING (AP)—China's military exchanges with the U.S. will suffer after Washington announced a $5.85 billion arms package for Taiwan, the Defense Ministry said Wednesday, confirming expectations that Beijing would retaliate over the sale. High-level exchanges, joint drills, and other large-scale activities will be affected "in light of the serious damage" resulting from the sale, ministry spokesman Geng Yansheng said at a news conference open to Chinese reporters only. That follows a monthslong suspension of military contacts last year after the announcement of another arms deal for Taiwan. China views such exchanges as a political bargaining chip, frustrating U.S. officials who say they are important in building confidence and avoiding confrontations as China's military modernizes.

Typhoon heads to China after hitting PH

HONG KONG (AP)—Residents of Hong Kong braced themselves Thursday for the arrival of a powerful typhoon that brought death and destruction when it tore through the Philippines earlier this week. Hong Kong's stock market closed Thursday and shops and businesses shuttered as Typhoon Nesat made its way across the South China Sea from the Philippines, where the storm killed 35 people and that left another 45 missing. The typhoon is expected to skirt south of Hong Kong and reach China's island region of Hainan and Guangdong province Thursday afternoon or evening, according to the Hainan Meteorological Bureau.

US 'threat' unites Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP)—U.S. accusations that Pakistan is supporting Afghan insurgents have triggered a nationalist backlash and whipped up media fears of an American invasion, drowning out any discussion over the army's long use of jihadi groups as deadly proxies in the region.

The reaction shows the problem facing the United States as it presses Pakistan for action: Strong statements in Washington provoke a negative public response that makes it more difficult for the army to act against the militants—even if it decided it was in the country's interest to do so.

Pakistan's mostly conservative populace is deeply suspicious of U.S. intentions a decade after Washington forged an alliance with Islamabad. Many people here believe the U.S. wants to break up Pakistan and take its arsenal of nuclear weapons, and America is very unpopular throughout the country.

By contrast, Pakistanis lack unity against Islamic militants. Politicians and media commentators are often ambiguous in their criticism of the Pakistani Taliban, despite its carrying out near weekly bombings in Pakistan over the past four years.

One small private television channel has aired an advertisement that features images of Adm. Mike Mullen, America's top military officer, and Leon Panetta, the head of the CIA, along with scenes of the Pakistani army fighting and raising the country's flag.

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GUADALUPE O. BORJA ("Trustor"), on or about October 16, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1984 under Document No. 84-2185 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$67,900.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$67,900.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

JOSEPH B. SONGSONG and MARIA M. SONSONG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 2, 1982, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation formerly known as Marianas Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 2, 1982, under Document No. 14220 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

TRACT NUMBER 21899-2, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 767 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2086/81, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 12450, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1981.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on July 01, 2005. Thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$30,800.00** the total amount due under the USDA, Rural Development loan including Trustee's expenses. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$30,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

BLAS T. MAGOFNA ("Trustor"), on or about January 12, 1995, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 20, 1995, under Document No. 95-143 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 002 B 12, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 737 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 5014/94, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1994, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 94-396, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1994, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$54,400.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Acting Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$54,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

MARINA A. BAUTISTA and LORETO L. BAUTISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 15, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 15, 1999, under Document No. 99-2777 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 972, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 781 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 18, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4286, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$49,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$49,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

REGINA T. CASTRO ("Trustor"), on or about October 23, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 23, 1984, under Document No. 84-2264 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 005 B 09, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 407 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 005 B 00, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 832, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 1971.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$60,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$60,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

RICARDO P. CASTRO and LORENZA P. CASTRO (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 8, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1998 under Document No. 98-3276 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 685
Containing an area of 845 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plate No. 011 G 14 dated December 1, 1993 , Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4182, dated December 3, 1993, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011,** at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$38,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$38,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

World

US blasts 'counterproductive' Israeli settlements

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is getting little help from any quarter, let alone its ally Israel, as it pleads for a fresh start in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks that could avert a veto showdown over the Palestinians' unilateral bid for statehood recognition at the United Nations.

Already disappointed by Palestinian distaste for the new U.S.-backed proposal to resume long-stalled negotiations, the administration was taken aback anew on Tuesday when Israel announced plans to construct new Jewish housing units in east Jerusalem.

The Israeli move made a hard job even harder for the United States, which is trying to protect Israel from a U.N. vote on Palestinian statehood that Israel bitterly opposes. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called the housing announcement "counterproductive" to new peace talks—the only path to Palestinian statehood the U.S. and Israel say they will accept.

Palestinians claim east Jerusalem as the capital of their future state, and the expansion of Israeli-built housing there is among the most explosive issues keeping the two sides from making a deal.

The Palestinians, who have been demanding a freeze in settlement activity to return to the table, said the announcement of 1,100 new Jewish housing units prove Israel isn't interested in talks.

The Israeli announcement met with swift criticism from the U.S. and the European Union, which along with the United Nations and Russia, form the international "Quartet" of Mideast mediators.

WORLD BRIEFS

Egypt's Islamists demand changes to election law

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood on Wednesday turned up the pressure on the country's military rulers to change a disputed new election law, even holding out the possibility of a boycott of upcoming parliamentary elections unless the bill is amended. In a statement posted on the website of the Brotherhood's political arm, the group demanded the law be changed to allow party lists to contest all of the seats in parliament, including those currently allocated to only to individual candidates. "We reject participation in the elections unless the article is changed," said the statement, which was signed by the coalition of The Democratic Alliance, which includes 37 parties along with the Brotherhood's Freedom and Equality party.

Mexican prez orders federal forces to Veracruz

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican President Felipe Calderon's administration said Wednesday it is sending troops and federal police to a Gulf coast state where gunmen dumped 35 bound, seminude, tortured bodies on a busy avenue in front of horrified motorists. Federal security spokesman Alejandra Sota said the federal forces will reinforce operational and intelligence work in the state of Veracruz. She didn't say how many troops and officers are being sent. Sota said Veracruz's government asked federal prosecutors to take over the investigation of last week's body dumping.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

CARMENT T. ANDON and SAMUEL M. ANDON (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 22, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 2, 2004, under Document No. 04-2544 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 308, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 797 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 06, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4414, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$42,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$42,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

ELOY T. DELA CRUZ and SHIRLEY ANN R. DELA CRUZ (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 23, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 29, 2002, under Document No. 02-2209 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 002 G 263, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1904, dated May 14, 1990, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$56,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$56,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$34,400.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$34,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

HERMAN M. GUERRERO aka Herman M. Deleon Guerrero and Asunta T. Guerrero aka Asunta T. Deleon Guerrero (collectively "Trustor"), on or about July 18, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on July 18, 1983, under Document No. 17740 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Tract number 20472-9, and containing an area of 926 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on drawing/cadastral plat number 2064/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 14154, on the 26th day of March, 1982.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$63,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Merced M. Tomokane, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$63,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

IGNACIO A. CABRERA AND ANA B. CABRERA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 20, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 21, 1983 under Document No. 83-90 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 006 T 18, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 901 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 006 T 01, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 18011, ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1983

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 10, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$54,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$54,600.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514
Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp
Website: http://www.nmhc.gov.mp

NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ANTONIA T. TEIGITA/EFRAIN T. TEIGITA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 1, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 1, 1984 under Document No. 84-1366 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 003 B 16, and containing an area of 1,117 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 B 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Commission as Document 5979, on the 4th day of April, 1977.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$53,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Off The Wall

Idaho boy, 10, escapes clash with mountain lion

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—A 10-year-old Idaho boy who came face-to-face with a mountain lion in rural Boise County escaped with minor scratches—and concerns that his friends at school wouldn't believe his story, according to state wildlife managers.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game said Friday the mountain lion was tracked down and killed after the encounter late Thursday. The boy, whose family asked not to be identified, received first aid at home for minor scratches and was expected to get a tetanus shot Friday.

The boy was not traumatized from his encounter, state wildlife officials said.

"His biggest concern was that his schoolmates wouldn't believe him, which is kind of funny," Senior Conservation Officer Matt O'Connell said.

The boy came across the mountain lion while searching for a missing hunting dog with his father near their home in a rural subdivision about 15 to 20 miles northeast of Boise. The boy ran from the predator but stumbled and fell. It was then the mountain lion took a swipe, scratching the boy's arm and hand.

The child then yelled to his father and stood up, pulling out a hunting knife, which made the predator back down and gave the dad enough time to fire off several shots from his 9mm handgun to scare the lion away, O'Connell said.

Conservation officers with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, along with an off-duty officer from the Meridian Police Department, responded to the reported encounter and a couple hours later, tracked down the big cat.

The mountain lion, which was estimated to be about 18 months old, was found feeding on the carcass of the family's missing hunting dog, O'Connell said.

"When a lion has actually made physical contact with a person and in conjunction with that, has killed a domestic animal and has been close enough to that residence, the animal did need to be euthanized at that time," O'Connell said.

These types of encounters are extremely rare in Idaho, said southwest regional wildlife manager Steve Nadeau. Wildlife managers could recall only one other injury by a cougar. That involved a 12-year-old boy and was reported in the early 1990s on the Salmon River, he said.

"It happens in surrounding states more frequently," Nadeau said.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Cops: Couple's copper theft for wedding netted $18

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. (AP)—Police say a western Pennsylvania couple desperate for money to pay for their wedding netted just $18 for the stolen copper wire they cut from more than a dozen utility poles. North Sewickley police say 23-year-old Joseph Russell and 24-year-old April Cater cut down the wires on August 9, four days before their wedding. Russell says he was desperate for money because he'd just lost his job and lost a $1,000 deposit after his reception hall abruptly closed down. Sgt. Jeff Bezce says the couple clearly expected to get more money than they got from the scrap where they sold the copper. Russell tells WPXI-TV he will pay for the damages. Utility officials say it will cost about $400 to repair the 18 poles that were damaged.

Thousands run in underwear to protest Utah laws

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Thousands of people stripped to their underwear and ran through Salt Lake City to protest what they called the "uptight" laws of Utah. Undie Run organizer Nate Porter says the goal of the event Saturday was to organize people frustrated by the conservative nature of the state's politics. Nudity was prohibited by organizers. Participants donned bras, panties, nightgowns, swimwear or colorful boxer shorts—and some added political messages by expressing support for causes like gay marriage on their chests, backs or legs. Salt Lake City is the home of the Mormon church, which is a vocal opponent of gay marriage. Porter estimates 3,000 people participated in the run, which began in downtown Salt Lake City and circled past the state Capitol building about a mile away.

Thieves steal $2.8 million in jewelry store heist

CUMMING, Ga. (AP)—Two men who police say cut their way through concrete walls to make off with more than $2.8 million worth of jewelry were arrested on Wednesday. The men bypassed the security system at Milano's Fine Jewelry in Cumming, just north of Atlanta, and made a hole in the wall from an empty building next store, authorities said. Carl Henry Bowser, 26, of Atlanta and Kenardis Demaine Holloway, 32, of Smyrna, are charged with burglary and theft by receiving stolen property, said Forsyth County Sheriff Ted Paxton. The break-in was discovered Monday morning and owner Ibrahim Ehicam said the thieves emptied his store's display cases and stole the cash register. A few rings were found near a fence behind the building.

Fla. couple gets some stinky roommates—skunks

PALM BAY, Fla. (AP)—A Florida couple returned from a monthlong vacation to find they had some new—and stinky—roommates. Stephanie and Bill Palieri told the Florida Today newspaper that about 10 skunks squeezed into their home through a window that was left open. The couple had been visiting relatives to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary. The skunks tunneled through walls, gnawing on kitchen cabinets and oven wires inside their Palm Bay home. Stephanie Palieri says five skunks walked through the kitchen recently while she was enjoying her coffee. The Palieris live on Social Security and don't have the money to hire a trapper, so business owners have been helping them with the skunk problem.

Man who washed truck naked gets probation in Mass.

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP)—A man who scrubbed his pickup truck in the nude at a Massachusetts car wash has been sentenced to a year of probation. Robert E. Bailey, of Cumberland, R.I., pleaded guilty on Monday to open and gross conduct for being naked at Economy Car Wash in North Attleborough on May 31. The Sun Chronicle reports that a woman vacuuming her vehicle at the business called police after she saw the 65-year-old Bailey in the nude. Police say Bailey was wearing shorts by the time they arrived at the scene and denied doing anything wrong. A judge also ordered Bailey to stay away from the car wash and the witness and to continue counseling. He will also be required to register as a sex offender.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE OF SEGUNDO DLC. CASTRO, LEE Q. CASTRO, and VIRGINA Q. CASTRO,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0246B

NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virginia Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the following described, real property situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as **Lot No. 002 T 03** (Formerly Block 1, Lot 3) as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 T 00, dated August 20, 1969, and containing an area of 1,367 square meters, more or less, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

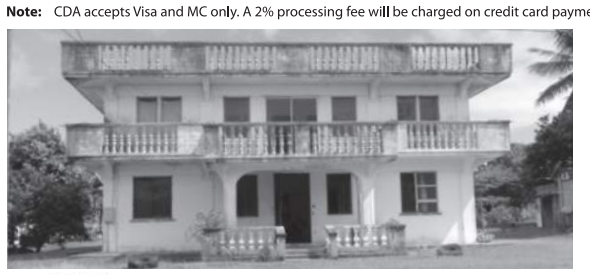
The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in wiritng, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virgina Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Note: CDA accepts Visa and MC only. A 2% processing fee will be charged on credit card payments.



Legal Description	Lot 002 T 03
Land Area	1,367 square meters
Location	San Jose Village, Tinian, Saipan
CDA Rights Appraised	Fee Simple Interest
Utilities Available	Electric power, city water, telephone, TV cable
Market Value	$113,000

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually and dba CASA DE FELIPE, and ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF THIRD AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
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7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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Tracts 21769-R2-4,
GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009: $2,400.00
Area:850 sqm

Tract 21769-R2-3,
GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009:$2,800.00
Area:900 sqm

Science & Technology

Amazon targets the iPad: Ready, aim, Fire

NEW YORK (AP)—Amazon is taking on the untouchable iPad with a touch-screen tablet of its own.

The company on Wednesday introduced its entry in the rapidly expanding market for handheld computers—a device called Kindle Fire that connects to the Web, streams movies and TV, displays e-books and supports thousands of apps.

It's half the size of an iPad and will be less than half the price when it goes on sale Nov. 15. Amazon is offering the Kindle Fire for $199. The bare-bones iPad sells for $499, the most expensive for $829.

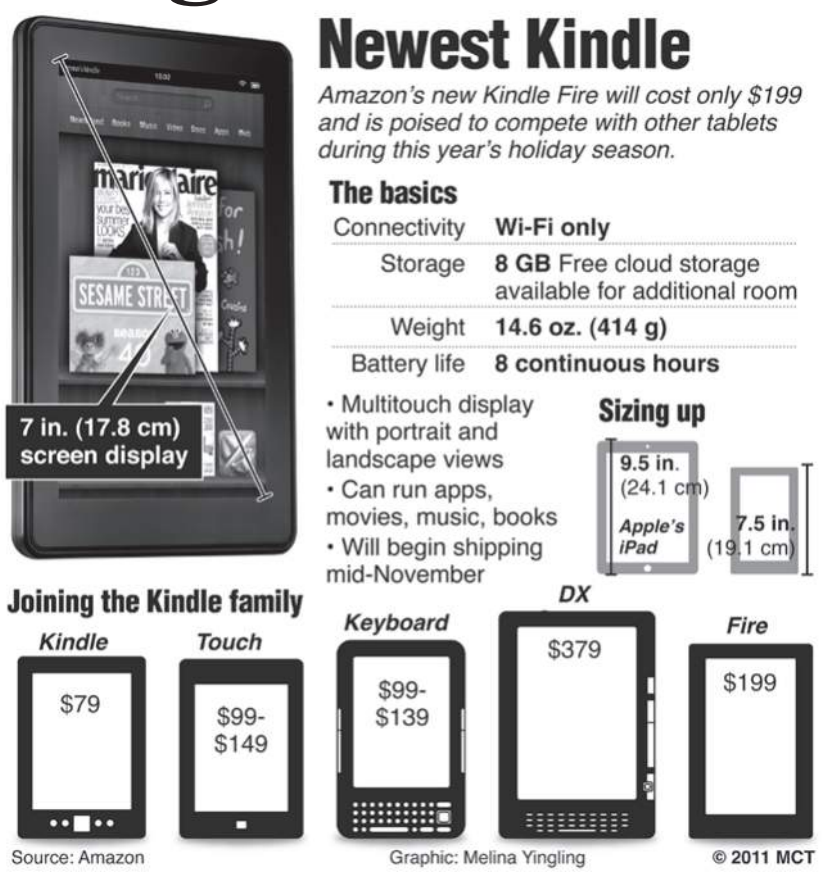
Of course, competing with the iPad won't be as easy as swiping a finger.

Analysts at one research firm, Gartner Inc., say three of every four tablets sold this year will be iPads. Apple sold almost 29 million of them from April 2010 through June of this year.

Amazon sells more than 1 million e-books, 100,000 movies and TV shows, and 17 million songs. It hopes it will succeed where other companies have failed because the tablet is designed to tap into Amazon's massive storehouse of media content.

"The reason they haven't been successful is because they made tablets. They didn't make services," CEO Jeff Bezos said in an interview.

Bezos unveiled the Kindle Fire at a New York media event that was stage-managed much the same way Apple choreographs its product launches. He walked a stage extolling the product while technology sites live-blogged the event.


Newest Kindle
Amazon's new Kindle Fire will cost only $199 and is poised to compete with other tablets during this year's holiday season.
The basics
Connectivity Wi-Fi only
Storage 8 GB Free cloud storage available for additional room
Weight 14.6 oz. (414 g)
Battery life 8 continuous hours
• Multitouch display with portrait and landscape views
• Can run apps, movies, music, books
• Will begin shipping mid-November
Sizing up
9.5 in. (24.1 cm)
Apple's iPad
7.5 in. (19.1 cm)
7 in. (17.8 cm) screen display
Joining the Kindle family
Kindle $79
Touch $99-$149
Keyboard $99-$139
DX $379
Fire $199
Source: Amazon
Graphic: Melina Yingling
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The CEO also introduced three versions of its popular Kindle e-reader, all with black-and-white screens—a basic model for $79, a touch-screen version for $99 and a touch-screen with 3G wireless service for $149.

Those devices will further pressure competitors like Barnes & Noble as they try to break Amazon's dominance in electronic book sales.

The Kindle Fire's size, with a screen that measures 7 inches (17.7 centimeters) diagonal, makes it a close match to Barnes & Noble's Nook Color tablet, which came out last year. But while Barnes & Noble sees the Nook Color as a jazzed-up e-reader, Amazon has broader goals for the Fire as a platform for games, movies, music and other applications.

All that content makes the Fire the only credible competitor to the iPad this year, said Sarah Rotman Epps, an analyst with Forrester Research.

"In theory, Sony could do something similar, but they haven't, and it doesn't look like they will," she said. "They have a tablet, but they only went halfway on the services."

Sony started shipping its first iPad-style tablet two weeks ago. It's linked to the company's music and movies stores, and the capability for some PlayStation games will be added later.

Analysts had expected the Fire to sell for about $250. Epps called the $199 price "jaw-droppingly low," and said it would be tough competition not just for Apple, but for contending tablet makers like Samsung, Motorola and HTC.

Analysts had speculated that Amazon would sell the tablet at a loss, counting on making back some money through book and movie sales. Bezos said that isn't the case, but that the company is happy with a slimmer profit margin than other manufacturers.

"We want the hardware device to be profitable and the content to be profitable. We really don't want to subsidize one with the other," Bezos said.

Epps said she believes Amazon could sell as many as 5 million Fires by the end of the year but will probably sell closer to 3 million because it's coming out so late.

The Fire will run a version of Google's Android software, used by other iPad wannabes, and will have access to apps through Amazon's Android store.

Unlike competing tablets, it will not have a camera. Bezos said the camera would be superfluous, since practically everyone has one in their phone anyway.

It also lacks a microphone and a slot for memory expansion, common features on other Android tablets. The Kindle Fire will run on Wi-Fi networks but will not connect to cellular networks, as some iPads and many Android tablets can.

The new Kindle e-readers dispense with the keyboard that the device has carried since it launched in 2007. The Kindles will come with on-screen advertising unless customers pay $30 to $40 more.

Bezos said he doesn't see the Fire as eventually replacing the Kindle, which is exclusively for reading.

"What will happen is people will buy both. Because they're really for different purposes," he said.

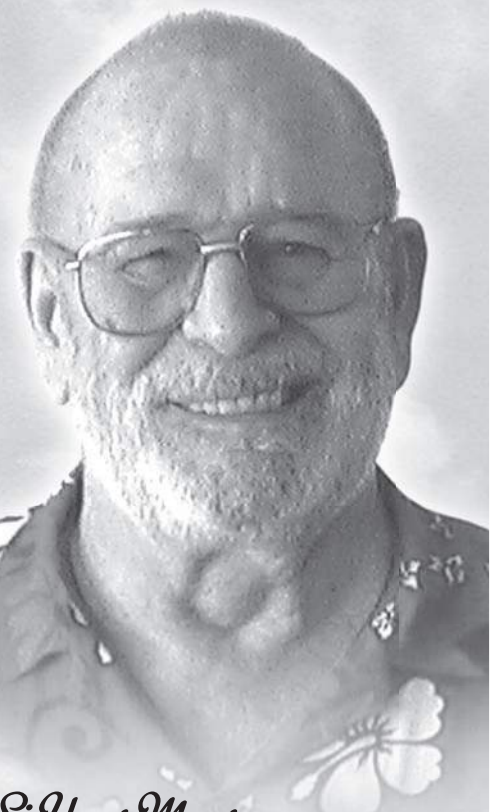
In Memory of

†**Roger Nevin Ludwick**

"Lifelong Educator"

Born: July 22, 1939 in Ravenna, Ohio

Died: September 19, 2011



Memorial Services will be held tomorrow, Saturday, October 01, 2011 at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Road, Garapan.

Service will be from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

Interment of his cremains will take place immediately after the service at Sanctuario Pax Memorial Gardens in Kagman , Saipan.

Thank You and Si Yuus Maase.

Wuan Zhen Zhang Ludwick

Death and Funeral Announcement

Jeronimo Kaipat Taitano

Better known as "Jerry"

Was called to his eternal rest on Friday, September 23, 2011, at the age of 51

In his new life he now joins his:

Father: *Jose Lisua Taitano*
Mother: *Victoria Borja Kaipat-Taitano*
Sisters: *Olympia, Trinidad*
Nephews: *Allen, Dexter,*
Nieces: *Canicia, Victoria, Dorsha*

Grand Parents: *Ignacio Quitano Taitano "Agaga" & Maria Taroligai Lisua*
Sotero Malus Kaipat & Joaquina Cruz Borja "Huk"

His spirit and memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Brothers & Sisters: *Serafin Borja Kaipat*
Maria T. & Jan Akselsen (Sabrina, Geir)
Juan K. & Alterina H. Taitano (John Paul, Jane, Norbert,
Joe Robert, Iunes, Angela Felicidad
Canice K. & Rita M. Taitano (Zachary, Lorna, Sylvia, Marlene)
Margarita T. & Benny Leon Guerrero (Vincent Aaron, Jason Jay)
Melisa T. & Caleb Gatharngeg (Caleb Canice, Nolan, Alisa)
Peter Paul K. Taitano & May A. Deleon Guerrero (Brandon, Ramon)

Brother in Law: *Sylvan Atalig Pua (Delbert, Darren, Daylan)*

Nephews: *Jose Matagolai Kaipat, Zacharias R. Sakisat, Robert Kaipat, Milton L. Kaipat*

On Friday, September 30, 2011, the body of the deceased will arrive at dawn and will be escorted to Cabrera funeral home for rosary and viewing.

On Saturday, October 01, 2011, viewing will be held at the Cabrera Funeral Home from 6:30 am to 8:00 am. The body will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for Mass of Christian Burial at 9:00 am. Interment Services will follow immediately at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

The Family

Life & Style

Guard describes scene in room where Jackson found

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The last days of Michael Jackson's life were filled with the adulation of fans, a rehearsal performance onlookers described as amazing and intense preparations for his big comeback in London.

In good spirits, Jackson chatted with well-wishers outside his home and at the Staples Center where he practiced songs and dance routines before he returned home. Then, things took a tragic turn, according to Michael Amir Williams, who testified Wednesday in the trial of the doctor charged with involuntary manslaughter in the superstar's death.

Williams, who had gone with him to the rehearsal and had dropped Jackson at home, said he got a frantic call the next day from Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray. "He said, 'Get here right away. Mr. Jackson had a bad reaction.' He said, 'Get someone up here right away,'" Williams told the jury.

A security guard, Faheem Muhammad, testified that he arrived at Jackson's bedroom to find Murray sweating and nervous, leaning over Jackson and trying to revive him. He said that Jackson's two older children, Paris and Prince, were in shock, and that Paris fell to the ground, curled up and weeping.

Moments later, Muhammad said, he heard Murray ask if anyone knew CPR.

The testimony on the second day of the trial helped shed light on what Murray did and didn't do after he found Jackson unconscious in June 2009. Murray, 58, has pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he could face up to four years in prison and would have to relinquish his medical license.

AP

Witness Faheem Muhammad testifies during the second day of Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial in the death of pop star Michael Jackson in downtown Los Angeles, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011.

On June 24, 2009, the day before Jackson's death, Murray was in negotiations to join Jackson on his tour as his personal physician, testified lawyer Kathy Jorrie of concert giant AEG Live. She said she was gathering information for an insurance company to make sure Jackson was in good health and could be insured.

"Dr. Murray told me repeatedly that Michael Jackson was perfectly healthy, in excellent condition. Don't worry about it. He's great," she recalled.

Jorrie said Murray had added to his contract a provision for a CPR machine when they got to London for the highly touted show that would include 50 concerts over nine months. "He needed to be sure if something went wrong he would have such a machine available," she said. "He also told me it was customary."

Murray signed the contract, which would give him $150,000 a month, and faxed it to her that night, she said. Jackson, however, would never get to sign it.

In the late afternoon of June 24, Williams, Jackson's personal assistant, said he arranged for a car and accompanied his boss to Staples Center for a key rehearsal. He said Jackson was in good spirits and had the car stop at the gate so he could roll down the window and chat with fans who were always camped there.

"He would make sure we stopped, stick out his hand, anything to show his fans he loved them," he said.

Williams managed to watch Jackson on stage. "I was an employee but I was a fan first," he said. "I would try to sneak in to watch him. I was working constantly, but I was able to see him perform a little."

How was his performance, asked Deputy District Attorney David Walgren.

"Personally, I thought it was amazing," Williams said. "I thought it was the best thing in the world. He had told me he didn't go 100 per cent for the rehearsal. It was about 40 per cent. But I thought it was great."

They returned to Jackson's rented Holmby Hills mansion after that, stopping at the gate again. "He was in good spirits," Williams said. "He wanted to stop and say, `Hi.' He even had some conversation with the fans."

Outside the house, parked in its usual spot, was Murray's car.

Williams brought in gifts that had been given to Jackson and said good night. Williams checked out with the security staff and went home. The next day at 12:13 p.m. his cell phone rang. There was a message from Murray.

"Were you asked to call 911?" Walgren asked.

"No sir," Williams said.

He remembered reaching Jackson security guard Alberto Alvarez. "I said, `I don't know what's going on but you have to get in the house' ... I said, `Run. Hurry.'"

AP Enterprise: UK tabloid paid spies for scoops

LONDON (AP)—No one suspected the secretary.

Efficient, well-dressed and well-liked, Sue Harris was at the heart of the Sunday People, the smallest of Britain's weekly tabloids. She booked flights, reserved accommodation, and tallied expenses for the populist paper's dozen or so full-time reporters. These journalists implicitly trusted the petite, 40-something south Londoner who'd spent most if not all of her working life at the tabloid.

Maybe they shouldn't have.

In 1995 Harris was dismissed over an allegation that she'd been feeding her paper's juiciest scoops to the Piers Morgan-edited News of the World, betraying her co-workers for a weekly payoff of 250 pounds—then worth about $375. Although People journalists had long believed there was a traitor in their midst, they were shocked when Harris was exposed.

"Everybody knew there was a mole," said a former senior journalist with the People. "We never thought the person we were looking for was her."

The journalist, who was there when Harris was fired, was among three former colleagues who recounted her story to The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because they still work in the media industry.

Harris' alleged spying on behalf of the News of the World wasn't unique, an AP investigation has found. Interviews with three more former journalists and published accounts suggest that Rupert Murdoch's flagship Sunday tabloid engaged in a pattern of payoffs aimed at rival newspaper employees.

Morgan

The News of the World was closed in July as evidence of illegal conduct there became inescapable. Although accusations that the paper hacked into phones and corrupted police officers to win scoops have been widely aired, the paper's efforts to subvert rival newspaper employees have seen less attention.

American investigators are already examining whether the News of the World's parent company, New York-based News Corp., broke U.S. anti-corruption laws by bribing British officials. Legal experts now say that payments made to rival journalists could make it more difficult for the media conglomerate to defend itself against any potential prosecution.

The corporate espionage campaign also calls into question the ethics of Morgan, who edited the News of the World between 1994 and 1995 and who once boasted that having rivals on his payroll meant that he and his colleagues "always know exactly what our competitors are doing."

Story theft has long been a big worry for Britain's Sunday tabloids, who only get one shot a week at making an impression on their readership. Particular concern surrounds the "splash"—the front page story which acts as an advertisement for a paper's journalism.

At the People as with other tabloids, journalists took extreme measures to keep a potential splash under wraps. Sources would be paid compensation in return for exclusive access or sequestered at out-of-the way hotels for days at a time to keep them away from rival reporters.

Keeping the splash secret was particularly important for the cash-strapped People. If the News of the World got wind of a story, the Murdoch tabloid's massive budget meant it could easily outbid the People for interview rights.

But no secret was safe from Harris, who spent years sitting a few feet from the People's senior editors. Former journalists say that, thanks to the weekly payments made by the News of the World, the People's powerful rival knew everything too.

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Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
A successful New York writer (Daniel Craig) discovers that the country holds just as much menace as the big city after moving his family to a cozy New England town and discovering that their gorgeous new home was once the site of a brutal murder. The closer the writer and his wife (Rachel Weisz) get to their new neighbor (Naomi Watts), the more that details begin to emerge about the slaying of a devoted mother and her two children. Jim Sheridan (In America, Brothers) directs a script by David Loucka (The Dream Team, Problem Child).

What's Your Number?
Friday 4:20 7:20 10:00
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 10:00
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20
Anna Faris, Chris Evans
Comedy • Rated R

Synopsis
Inspired by author Karyn Bosnak's novel 20 Times a Lady, director Mark Mylod's freewheeling comedy tells the tale of one hopelessly single women who's convinced she's passed up the man of her dreams. Upon reading a magazine article that leaves her dejected about her future marriage prospects, Ally Darling (Anna Faris) begins to fear that one of her many ex-boyfriends may have been "the one that got away." Now, with a little help from her mischievous neighbor (Chris Evans), Ally is paying a visit to each of her exes in order to reel in the perfect catch.

Abduction
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15
Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00
Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Children's/family • Rated PG

Killer Elite
Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10
Robert De Niro, Clive Owen, Jason Statham
Action • Rated R

Drive
Friday 4:30 7:30 9:40
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:40
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30
Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan
Thriller • Rated R

Contagion
Friday 4:25 7:25 9:55
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25
Matt Damon, Marion Cottilard
Action • Rated PG 13

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Elton John starts 3-year Las Vegas run at Caesars

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Elton John is returning to Las Vegas for a three-year headlining gig at Caesars Palace.

The five-time Grammy winner was set to perform Wednesday night for the first of 16 shows scheduled through October, the first performances of a new show titled "The Million Dollar Piano."

The remainder of the shows during the three-year run have not yet been announced.

John says it's named for the instrument he'll play during the show—a piano that took manufacturer Yamaha four years to build.

"It's going to surprise a lot of people," John said of the instrument earlier this year as the show was announced.

"This isn't like the old days," John said of the new show. "It's going to be certainly different from anything you've seen from me before, as was `The Red Piano,'" his previous show at Caesars.

His return comes more than two years after that five-year stint that ended in 2009. The run was originally planned for three years but was extended because of demand.

"The Red Piano" included risque imagery—with high-tech videos and large, inflatable props—plus the hits John has become known for during a career that's spanned more than 40 years.

AP

In this photo provided by the Las Vegas News Bureau, Elton John performs at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace on opening night of his new show, "The Million Dollar Piano," Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011 in Las Vegas.

Jason Gastwirth, senior vice president of entertainment for casino owner Caesars Entertainment Corp., believes John's run could be extended again.

"I think it's very possible, both on duration and number of shows," Gastwirth said. "There's been such a large appetite by his fans to come see the show."

John is one of music's most decorated stars, known for songs including "Candle in the Wind," "Rocket Man" and "Bennie and the Jets." He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999 and honored by the Kennedy Center in 2004 for his lifetime contributions to performing arts.

John won an Academy Award in 1994 for his original song, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," from Disney's "The Lion King.

Furtado donates Gadhafi money

TORONTO (AP)—Canadian pop singer Nelly Furtado says she is donating the $1 million she earned to perform for members of former Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's family to the Free the Children charity.

Furtado said in February she would donate the money from a 2007 show in Italy for members of Gadhafi's family.

She made this latest announcement Tuesday at a youth empowerment day organized by Canadian co-founders of Free the Children. Her donation will go toward building a girls school in Kenya and a Free the Children program supporting girls in the Middle East and North Africa.

Usher, Mariah Carey, Beyonce have all also promised to give the fees from their performances at private concerts later revealed to be linked to the Gadhafi family to charity or have said they have already done so.

Lady Gaga sues co. over trademark bids in her name

NEW YORK (AP)—Lady Gaga says a Nevada-based company is trying to horn in on her fame to market cosmetics and jewelry. She's suing in New York.

The Grammy Award-winning pop star sued Excite Worldwide LLC on Monday. The lawsuit says the company applied without her permission to trademark the names "Lady Gaga" and "Lady Gaga LG" for makeup and baubles.

Excite Worldwide didn't immediately respond to telephone messages Wednesday at numbers listed for the company in Chicago and Henderson, Nev.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records show the applications haven't been approved. But the "Poker Face" singer says they're muddying her efforts to add to her own suite of trademarks surrounding her name.

Her suit says customers could be duped into thinking she's affiliated with Excite Worldwide's products. She's seeking unspecified damages.

AP

In this Sept. 24, 2011, file photo, Lady Gaga performs during the iHeartRadio music festival, in Las Vegas.

Timberlake to be honored for environmental efforts

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Timberlake has been lauded for his work in music, TV and film. Now he's about to get an accolade for trying to better the environment.

Timberlake

The Environmental Media Association says Timberlake will receive its Futures Award, which represents future environmental leaders in entertainment.

The group cited Timberlake's attempts to reduce his carbon footprint during his tours, his advocacy for environmental issues and his eco-friendly golf course outside of Memphis, Tenn.

EMA President Debbie Levin called Timberlake "a great example of how you can lend your voice for positive change."

Others who have received the award include Edward Norton, Rosario Dawson and Maroon 5.

The Environmental Media Awards will be held Oct. 15 in Burbank, Calif.

Fan's suit over Fishbone stage-dive injury upheld

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A woman who broke her skull and collarbone when a member of the band Fishbone dived from a Philadelphia stage will soon have her day in court.

A federal judge has upheld a negligence lawsuit filed by Kimberly Myers, of Voorhees, N.J. The lawsuit targets the band, lead singer Angelo "Dr. Madd Vibe" Moore, the band's manager and the World Cafe Live concert venue.

The case is set for trial Oct. 24.

The judge ruled last week that Silverback Artist Management knew Moore had engaged in stage diving and had at least once injured an audience member.

Myers says Moore knocked her to the ground during the Feb. 23, 2010, concert at World Cafe Live, which is operated by the University of Pennsylvania.

Courthouse News Service first reported Tuesday on the ruling.

Second chance at romance is fraught with consequences

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 50-year-old female, married 26 years, with three grown children. When I was 16, I dated a guy, "Oliver," I cared for very much. We got along, never argued and were very close. The attachment we had I have never experienced since.

Months after we broke up, my mom told me that because we were of different races, she had called Oliver's parents and told them to keep him away from me because we were getting too close.

We both moved on, but through the years I have thought of him often. Sixteen months ago, I found him online. He lives a half-hour away, has two teenagers and is unhappy in his marriage. We spoke on the phone or online for a year. Over the last few months we have been meeting at a nearby park. Our connection is still there. We are soul mates and no longer want to be without each other. And no, we have NOT had sex.

My husband has been good to me. I love him, but I'm not "in love" with him. I am torn between staying with my husband to honor the commitment to my family, or following my heart with Oliver. I'm in love with him and don't want to lose him a second time.

ANOTHER CHANCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CHANCE: You say you're torn between your commitment to your family or following your heart. But what about Oliver's commitment to HIS family? Although your children are grown, his aren't. They still need a father at home.

If the feelings you have carried in your heart all these years for Oliver are more than a fantasy, they won't wither if you postpone acting on your feelings. Are you strong enough to do that? Whether you're up to the challenge is something only the two of you can decide.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend, "Lindy," who is dying from liver cancer. She could no longer eat or drink even before the chemo was started, and she sleeps most of the time. The chemo has done nothing more for her than make her lose her hair.

Lindy is adamant that she'll beat the cancer. To that end, she wants nothing "negative" passed on to outsiders, including her relatives who live eight hours away. She has no family here except her boyfriend, whom she won't allow to talk to her doctor. He refuses to go against her wishes.

I am torn between being loyal to my friend's belief that she'll get better, or notifying her family about how sick she really is so they can visit her before she passes. If they come, Lindy will be furious (if she's still coherent). But if they don't have the opportunity, it will be unfair to them.

My heart tells me to call Lindy's family and tell them to consider a visit sooner rather than later. What do you think?

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: I think that if Lindy were as close to her family as you imagine, they would have some inkling that she's ill. That you are aware of her illness shows how much she trusts you and cares for you. The people who are most important to her know about her condition, so please respect her wishes.

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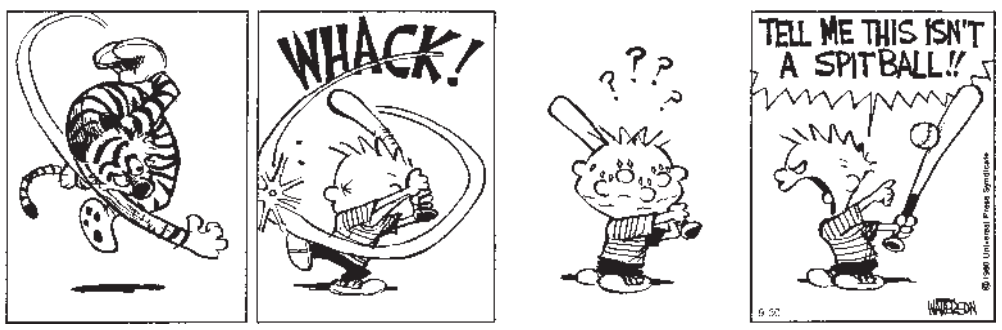
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

MAYBE YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT ANOTHER CAREER.
NO WAY. BOOKS ARE IN MY BLOOD.
I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT THEM... AND A CIVILIZED SOCIETY NEEDS TO BE WELL-READ.
I'M NOT GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUMBING DOWN OF OUR CULTURE!
MOM! YOUR FAVORITE SPONGEBOB IS ON!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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4 Chance
7 Eucalyptus eater
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13 Geological period
14 "The Age of Anxiety" poet
15 Back talk
16 Ice cream type
18 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
19 Good, in Guadalajara
20 Effervescence
22 "No seats"
23 Instrument of Marxism?
27 Anger
29 Hot dog
31 Popeye's burger-eating pal
34 City boss
35 Skipped a big wedding
37 Stick out
38 Ticklish Muppet
39 Acapulco gold
41 Go nowhere
45 Speak sheepishly?
47 Coloration
48 Movie cowboy who voiced Mister Ed
52 Grecian vessel
53 Anticipate
54 "CSI" evidence
55 Wrestling surface
56 Tubular pasta
57 Sweet potato
58 Shell game need

DOWN
1 Rice recipe
2 Suspect's excuse
3 November birthstone
4 KFC additive
5 Stir up
6 Indiana basketballer
7 Deck in the ring
8 "— Town"
9 Big fuss
10 Meadow
11 Moreover
17 Recognize
21 Lighter brand
23 Preliminary matches
24 Whatever number
25 Carnival city
26 For one
28 Catcher's place?
30 Ostrich's cousin
31 Infinitesimal
32 Under the weather
33 Oft-tattooed word
36 Barbie, e.g.
37 Cassidy or Kerns
40 Prepared
42 Blunt blow
43 Emanations
44 Busybody
45 Computer memory unit
46 Side
48 Eminem's genre
49 Have bills
50 Tuna container
51 Family

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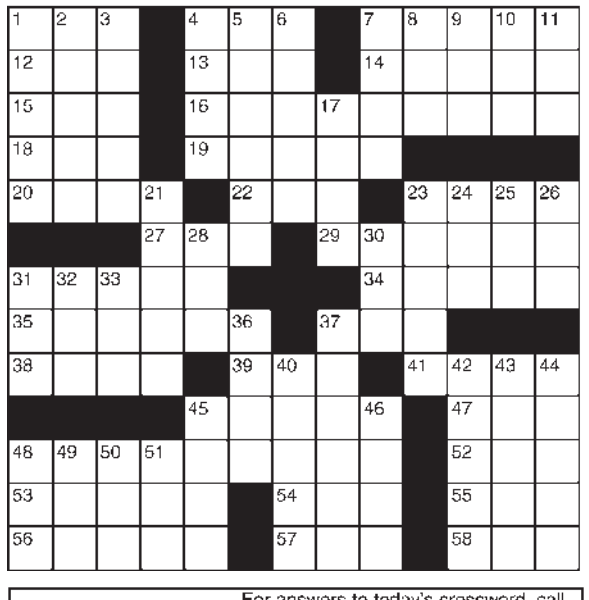

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Happy Birthday: Put greater effort into your future. Pick up more skills and knowledge, or consider an apprenticeship. You can achieve success if you stop daydreaming and start doing. Opportunities are present, and life improvements can be made with a little effort on your part. Don't wait for others to do for you. Your numbers are 8, 15, 19, 28, 33, 36, 47.

ARIES (*MARCH 21-APRIL 19*): Before moving forward, take note of what is going on around you. A change of plans will catch you by surprise but shouldn't stop you in your tracks. Accept the inevitable and leap in the most positive direction being offered. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*APRIL 20-MAY 20*): Press on with your plans. For every door that shuts, another will open. Look optimistically at the choices you have and don't be afraid to act aggressively if you can get what you want. A change of scenery will rejuvenate you. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*MAY 21-JUNE 20*): Get down to business and do whatever is required. Relying on someone else is a waste of time and will not impress onlookers. Love, romance, socializing and being the one who takes action will bring excellent results. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*JUNE 21-JULY 22*): One step at a time. You don't want to end up backtracking or being criticized for doing something without approval. Focus on your future and what you can do to improve your position. Change can be good, but it has to be on your terms. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*JULY 23-AUG. 22*): Plan to have some fun. Your attitude will make the difference. A challenge should get you excited and ready to strive for victory. Do what you do best, but don't brag. Humility will attract new friendships and enhance your love life. ✪✪

VIRGO (*AUG. 23-SEPT. 22*): If you go against the grain you'll take two steps forward and three steps back. Know what's expected of you and work with what you have. Attending a reunion or traveling to old familiar places will help put your life in perspective. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*SEPT. 23-OCT. 22*): Memories must not interfere with productivity. Finish what you start before moving on to social events. Being responsible will make an impression on someone you need in your corner. Live up to your promises, keep your thoughts open and be upfront. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*OCT. 23-NOV. 21*): Don't wait until someone backs you into a corner. Make a decision before it is made for you. If you don't participate, you won't be able to complain about the results. Do your part and you will prove yourself worthy of the support offered. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*NOV. 22-DEC. 21*): Take pride in being the one everyone comes to. Your progressive way of dealing with matters will impress someone who will make you an offer you cannot refuse. Prepare to alter your living situation to accommodate your future plans. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*DEC. 22-JAN. 19*): Listen and take whatever is said to heart. Be ready to make adjustments if you want to get help and support. Using reverse psychology will bring far better results than trying to implement force. Orchestrate and you will achieve success. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*JAN. 20-FEB. 18*): Be a leader, not a follower. Trust in your abilities. Invest in your future, not someone else's. Financial, contractual and emotional gains can be made. An unexpected turn of events will bring benefits far greater than you can imagine. ✪✪

PISCES (*FEB. 19-MARCH 20*): Reconnect with old friends to discover something about yourself that you didn't realize. The information you gather will help you make an important decision. A money matter will be riddled with deception. Keep your end of it straight. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/30

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/29

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

KEEPING YOUR GRASS GREEN Solution: 10 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Guardian

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Minimum 2 years experience in a Christian School;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.
Salary: $5.05 - $9.25

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Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
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Holder of a BA degree;
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Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Preferably ACSI certified.
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Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably in Accounting;
At least 2 years experience preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
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Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Knowledge in School Minder/Accountrak programs preferred.
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Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Salary: $5.19 - $18.26/hour

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Must be able to prepare, analyze, and interpret financial reports;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Salary: $7.75 - $24.64/hour

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- Must Adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside a classroom setting if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

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Qualifications:
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- Must adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside regular job duties if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

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1 Elementary School Teacher
Holder of Bachelor's degree in education or related field; at least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian School;
- Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
- Must adhere to all school policies and procedures;

Salary: $5.05/hour

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Miriam Florence Lisua Petitioner, **vs.** **Helwell Killion,** Respondent.	**FCD-PA-CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0436** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HERBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 502594 Chalan Laulau Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by Messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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Pro se,

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JUAN KAIPAT TAITANO Petitioner, **vs.** **SRI PAYAKMEAK TAITANO** Respondent.	**FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0357** **ORDER TO APPEAR AND PLEAD**

UPON CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION by the Petitioner for an Order of this Court requiring the Respondent to answer or otherwise plead herein and permitting services to be made by mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid under 7 CMC Sections. 1301 and 1302:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Respondent shall be served by mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, by the Petitioner with the Petition for Divorce, Summons and this Order at his present address at P.O. Box 505317 Saipan MP 96950.

The Respondent is further ORDERED to answer the Petition or otherwise plead in this action within thirty (30) days of the date of service of the Petition, Summons and this Order. If Respondent fails to answer, respondent or otherwise plead as ordered herein, Judgment by Default may be entered against Respondent.

This Order shall be posted on the public board at the Clerk's Office for a period of not less than two weeks.

ENTERED this 17th day of August, 2011.

/s/ Perry B. Inos
Judge

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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, **vs.** **MICHAEL R. MUNA and MINA L. MUNA,** Defendants.	**Civil Action No. 11-0078-CV** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT MINA L. MUNA:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 28th day of July, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., Plaintiff, **vs.** **ILC CORPORATION dba LADERA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SAIPAN, et. al** Defendants.	**Civil Action No. 11-0092** **NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order issued by this Court on August 29, 2011, in which the undersigned was Ordered to levy, execute and sell, in accordance with law, a parcel of real property, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Fina Sisu Village along side Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below.

Tract 22741, (AH 449), located along side of Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 20,207 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Division of Lands and Survey's Official Drawing/Cadastral Plat. No.2004/76, filed at the Land Registry Saipan as document number 8257 on May 22, 1979.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale: The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendants), will be held on **Friday, October 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.**, at the grounds of Ladera International School of Saipan, Fina Sisu Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2011.

/s/ S. Joshua Berger, Auctioneer
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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2011-CDA-06-RFP
LOAN UNDERWRITER

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds in the amount of $13,168,350 for the Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty Programs. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to $5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base.

Respectfully

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

Rays clinch AL wild card with stunning rally

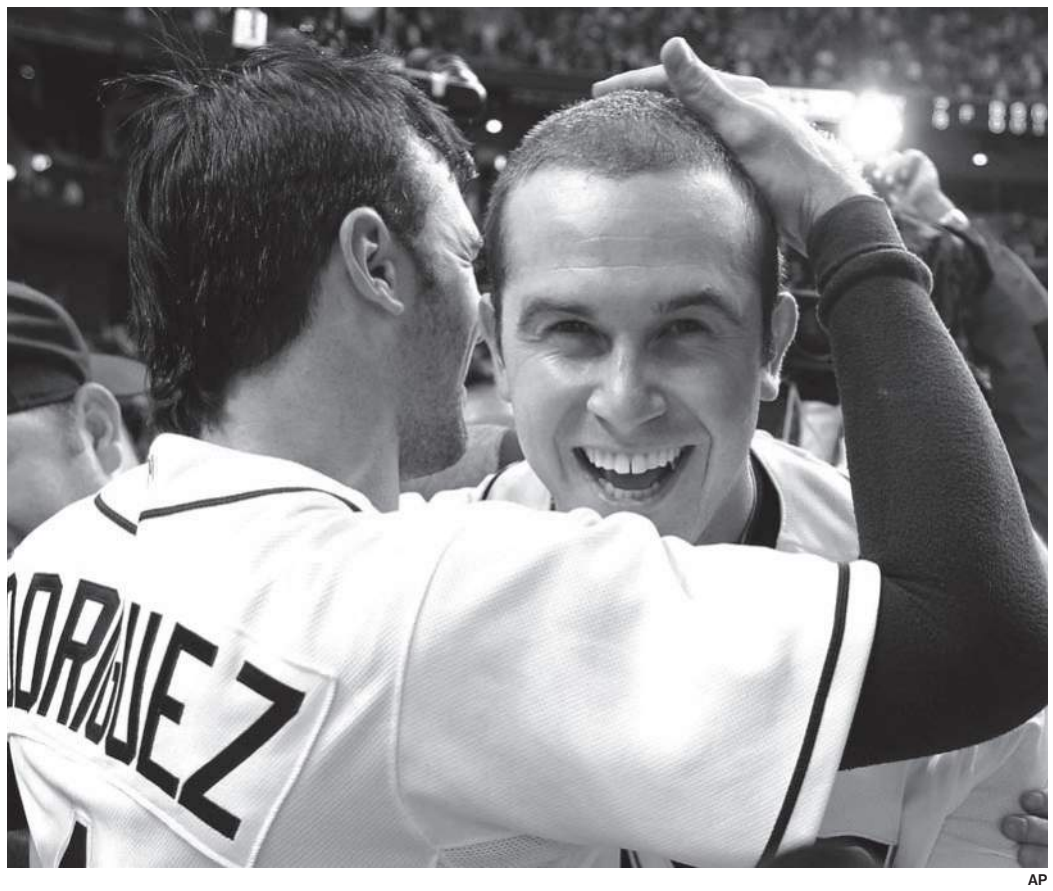
ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—The Tampa Bay Rays clinched the American League wild card with a stunning rally Wednesday, overcoming a late seven-run deficit and then beating the New York Yankees 8-7 on Evan Longoria's home run in the 12th inning.

The Rays' win came four minutes after Boston blew a one-run lead in the ninth at Baltimore and lost 4-3. The Red Sox, who held a nine-game lead over the Rays in early September, and Tampa Bay began the final day of the regular season tied for the wild card.

Longoria hit a three-run homer in the eighth that capped a six-run burst. Pinch-hitter Dan Johnson's two-out, two-strike solo homer in the ninth tied it for Tampa Bay.

Longoria won it with a one-out shot barely inside the left-field foul pole.

Tampa Bay will open the playoffs Friday at Texas.



AP

Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria, right, hugs teammate Sean Rodriguez after hitting a walkoff home run off New York Yankees relief pitcher Scott Proctor during a baseball game early Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rays won the game 8-7 and clinched the AL wild card.

Orioles 4, Red Sox 3

In Baltimore, the Red Sox completed their September collapse in horrific and historic fashion, falling out of the playoff chase by allowing two ninth-inning runs against Baltimore.

The Red Sox held a nine-game lead in the AL wild-card race after Sept. 3, but a 7-19 swoon left them tied with Tampa Bay entering the final day of the regular season. The Rays rallied for an 8-7 win over the New York Yankees in 12 innings.

The Orioles won the game in the ninth against Jonathan Papelbon (4-1), who struck out the first two batters before giving up a double to Chris Davis. Nolan Reimold followed with a double to score pinch-runner Kyle Hudson, and Robert Andino completed the comeback with a single to left that Carl Crawford couldn't glove.

Boston became the first team to miss the postseason after leading by as many as nine games for a playoff spot entering September, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Rangers 3, Angels 1

In Anaheim, California, Mike Napoli broke a tie in the ninth inning with his fourth homer in two games as Texas finally clinched home-field advantage in the AL division series.

Napoli, the longtime Angels catcher, also homered in the second inning as the Rangers set a franchise record with their 96th victory—including six straight heading into the postseason.

With 14 wins in their final 16 games, Texas (96-66) held off Detroit (95-67) for the right host the wild-card winner at Rangers Ballpark on Friday.

Gil Velasquez drove in the only run for the Angels, who were in playoff contention until Monday. Los Angeles (86-76) lost six of its last seven.

Tigers 5, Indians 4

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera singled and doubled, wrapping up the American League batting title as Jhonny Peralta hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth for Detroit.

Cabrera entered the day hitting .343, five points ahead of Michael Young of Texas and Adrian Gonzalez of Boston. He raised his average another point against the Indians, and the other two were unable to catch him.

Peralta hit his 21st homer of the season off Vinnie Pestano (1-2) after Ryan Perry (2-0) allowed Cleveland to tie it at 4 in the top of the eighth.

Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his 49th save in 49 chances.

The AL Central-champion Tigers will start the playoffs on the road against the Yankees on Friday night.

Twins 1, Royals 0

In Minneapolis, Trevor Plouffe's RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning helped Minnesota stave off a 100-loss season.

Carl Pavano (9-13) went the distance for the win, the first time he pitched nine scoreless innings since July 22, 2010. He gave up five hits and struck out three.

Bruce Chen pitched eight shutout innings against the Twins for the second time this month, and the Royals turned to Blake Wood (5-3) for the ninth. Pinch-hitter Denard Span hit a one-out double, took third on a groundout and trotted home on Plouffe's sharp single to left.

The Twins (63-99) still finished with the second-worst record in their 51 years in Minnesota.

The Royals finished 71-91, a slight improvement from last season, but their cadre of rising stars gives them plenty of eagerness for 2012.

Blue Jays 3, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Chris Sale issued a pair of bases-loaded walks in the ninth inning to send the White Sox to the loss.

It seemed to be a fitting finish for the White Sox, whose year spun out of control. Earlier in the day, Ozzie Guillen was announced as the new manager of the Florida Marlins—the White Sox released him from his contract Monday. Hitting coach Greg Walker also announced before the game he was stepping down.

Expected to be a contender in the AL Central, the White Sox wound up 79-83 with pitching coach Don Cooper serving as interim manager the last two games.

The Blue Jays' victory gave them an 81-81 mark under rookie manager John Farrell. Shawn Camp (6-3) got the win and Frank Francisco worked the ninth for his 17th save.

Athletics 2, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Gio Gonzalez pitched eight innings of two-hit ball, leading Oakland to the victory.

Gonzalez (16-12) gave up just one hit through six innings, a liner into right field by Chris Gimenez leading off the third. He struck out the side in the sixth and matched a career high with 11 strikeouts.

Jai Miller hit his first career homer in the second inning against Seattle starter Anthony Vasquez (1-6), who lasted just two innings.

The Mariners and A's will see each other again on March 28 and 29 in Tokyo as they will become the latest teams to open a season playing in Japan. The announcement of the two-game series was made on Wednesday.

Cardinals 8, Astros 0

In Houston, Tony La Russa clicked photos with his cell phone as the St. Louis Cardinals danced, yelled and doused each other with beer and champagne in a celebration none of them envisioned less than a month ago.

Chris Carpenter and the Cardinals completed one of baseball's greatest comebacks, clinching the NL wild card with a win over Houston and a later loss by Atlanta.

The Cardinals got their playoff spot when the Braves fell to Philadelphia 4-3 in 13 innings.

St. Louis trailed Atlanta by 10 1/2 games on Aug. 25, then won 23 of the last 31 games to finish its improbable charge. The Braves fueled the Cardinals' surge by losing 18 of their last 27.

Phillies 4, Braves 3, 13 innings

In Atlanta, closing pitcher Craig Kimbrel surrendered the tying run in the ninth inning and Hunter Pence came through with a two-out, run-scoring single in the 13th to give Philadelphia the win that ended Atlanta's season without a trip to the playoffs that looked like a certainty just a few weeks ago.

The game ended more than an hour after St. Louis routed Houston 8-0 to claim at least a share of the wild card. The Cardinals earned it outright when David Herndon earned his first career save by getting Freddie Freeman to hit into a season-ending double play.

The Braves were 10 1/2 games ahead of St. Louis before play on Aug. 26. They were still up by 8 1/2 games on the morning of Sept. 6. They became the first team in major league history to blow a lead of at least eight games for a playoff spot in September.

Mets 3, Reds 0

In New York, Jose Reyes bunted for a base hit in the first inning to enhance his National League batting title chances, then was lifted for a pinch-runner as the New York Mets beat the Cincinnati Reds.

The hit elevated Reyes' average to .337057 and gave him a 2 1/2-point lead over Ryan Braun, who was at .334525 heading into Milwaukee's regular-season finale against Pittsburgh. The Mets have never had a batting champion, and Braun could edge out Reyes by going 3 for 4.

Miguel Batista (5-2) pitched a two-hitter for his 11th complete game, his first since July 19, 2006, for Arizona. He allowed a one-out single to Edgar Renteria in the first and leadoff double to Chris Heisey in the second.

Mike Baxter hit his first major league homer, a two-run shot off Edinson Volquez (5-7) in the sixth. Nick Evans singled in a run in the fourth.

Brewers 7, Pirates 3

In Milwaukee, Zack Greieke capped a perfect season at home to help Milwaukee clinch home-field advantage in the first round of playoffs.

Carlos Gomez, Corey Hart and Jonathan Lucroy homered for the Brewers, who set a franchise record with 96 wins and open an NL division series against the Arizona Diamondbacks at Miller Park on Saturday.

If the NL Central champions had tied with NL West winner Arizona in the standings, the Brewers would have started the playoffs on the road.

Ryan Braun's pursuit of Mets shortstop Jose Reyes for the NL batting title ended early. He went 0 for 4 to finish at .332. Reyes hit .337.

Greinke (16-6) allowed two runs in six innings to finish 11-0 in 15 starts at home, where the Brewers were a major league best 57-24.

Milwaukee (96-66) finished with one more win this season than in 1979 and '82, when the franchise made its only World Series appearance.

Gomez hit a three-run shot with two outs in the fourth off rookie starter Jeff Locke (0-3) that put Milwaukee ahead 5-1.

Mets 3, Reds 0

In New York, Jose Reyes bunted for a base hit in the first inning against Cincinnati and was lifted for a pinch-runner but it was enough to give him the NL batting title with a .337 average.

Ryan Braun, who was at .334 heading into Milwaukee's regular-season finale against Pittsburgh, went 0 for 4 and finished at .332.

Miguel Batista (5-2) pitched a two-hitter for his 11th complete game, his first since July 19, 2006, for Arizona. He allowed a one-out single to Edgar Renteria in the first and leadoff double to Chris Heisey in the second.

Mike Baxter hit his first major league homer, a two-run shot off Edinson Volquez (5-7) in the sixth. Nick Evans singled in a run in the fourth.

The Mets their third straight losing season at 77-85, two more losses than last year.

Cincinnati also had a disappointing season, winding up at 79-83 after winning the NL Central last year with a 91-71 record.

Rockies 6, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Kevin Kouzmanoff had three hits and drove in two runs as Colorado sent reigning World Series champion San Francisco into an early off-season.

Drew Pomeranz (2-1) outpitched fellow rookie Eric Surkamp (2-2) in their second matchup in two weeks and Jordan Pacheco added two RBI singles for the Rockies (73-89), who snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Giants.

San Francisco (86-76) wound up in second place in the NL West behind Arizona, becoming the first defending champion not to make the playoffs since St. Louis in 2007.

Mark DeRosa hit a two-run single for the Giants.

Nationals 3, Marlins 1

In Miami, Stephen Strasburg allowed one hit and struck out 10 in six scoreless innings for Washington to earn his first win since July 2010 as Florida bid its much-maligned stadium goodbye.

Next year the Marlins move into a new ballpark with new manager Ozzie Guillen, who held his introductory news conference before the game.

Strasburg (1-1) made his fifth start since returning from elbow surgery. He finished the season with 24 strikeouts in 24 innings and an ERA of 1.50.

The Nationals finished 80-81—their sixth consecutive losing season. Florida wound up last in the NL East at 72-90.

Drew Storen completed a three-hitter with a perfect ninth for his 43rd save in 48 chances.

Ian Desmond had a two-run single for Washington.

Padres 9, Cubs 2

In San Diego, Will Venable hit his first career grand slam and Nick Hundley hit a three-run shot to lift the normally punchless San Diego to a season-ending victory.

Cubs shortstop Starlin Castro became the youngest player—at 21 years, 188 days—to lead the NL with 207 hits. He doubled in the eighth to reach base in a career-high 40th straight game and extended his hitting streak to 10 games. He also hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

The teams both finished 71-91.

Wade LeBlanc (5-6) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, struck out three and walked two.

NBA lockout heads to key stretch this weekend

NEW YORK (AP)—Regular-season games could be at stake when NBA owners and players meet this weekend.

And those might not be all that is lost, Commissioner David Stern warned, without real headway toward a new labor deal.

"All I'd say to that is that there are enormous consequences at play here on the basis of the weekend," Stern said Wednesday. "Either we'll make very good progress, and we know what that would mean—we know how good that would be, without putting dates to it—or we won't make any progress and then it won't be a question of just starting the season on time, it will be a lot at risk because of the absence of progress."

Talks between negotiators ended after two days Wednesday so they could return home before summoning their respective bargaining committees to New York for the most important stretch of the lockout. They will meet Friday and are prepared to talk through the weekend if progress toward a new collective bargaining agreement is being made.

There hasn't been enough of it so far, with the lockout nearly three months complete.

Both Stern and union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said they are not close, with the Nov. 1 season opener a little more than a month away, and Fisher added the commitment to block out multiple days this weekend "points more toward the calendar than actually being able to measure progress."

"It points to the realities that we face with our calendar and that if we can't find a way to get some common ground really, really soon, then the time of starting the regular season at its scheduled date is going to be in jeopardy big-time," he added.

Training camps already have been postponed and 43 games scheduled for the first week of the preseason have been canceled. The league has said it will make decisions about the remainder of exhibition play as warranted, and those could come shortly.

The league denied an ESPN.com report that Stern planned to threaten players with cancellation of the entire 2011-12 season if there wasn't progress toward a deal by the end of the weekend.

"It's simply not true," NBA spokesman Tim Frank said.

Fisher said some of the league's biggest names could join the executive committee in Friday's meeting, and Miami guard Dwyane Wade has committed to attend.

Wade was part of a meeting about labor issues at the 2010 All-Star weekend in Dallas, when players were briefed about owners' plans for dramatic changes to the league's salary structure. Owners have been looking to reduce the players' guarantee of basketball-related income from 57 percent to somewhere in the mid-40s.

"I look forward to learning something that I didn't learn two years ago," Wade told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Hopefully, it's different information, something that will move us forward. Hopefully we don't walk out of the meeting back at where we were at the All-Star game two years ago."

Wade has been in New York for the past couple days for business meetings. When the invitation came to attend Friday's session, he did not hesitate.

"I've talked to a couple guys," Wade said. "I'm here. ... I was going to leave tomorrow, but I'm going to stay in town and go to the next meeting."

Fisher will brief the players first on the state of the talks.

"I can't say that common ground is evident, but our desire to try to get there I think is there," Fisher said. "We still have a great deal of issues to work through, so there won't be any magic that will happen this weekend to just make those things go away, but we have to put the time in."

The sides met for about four hours Wednesday, again in small groups.

The full groups have met only once since the lockout began July 1, and it resulted in a setback. Players were prepared to make what union executive director Billy Hunter called a "significant" financial concession, but owners rejected their call to leave the current salary cap structure intact as a condition of the move.

Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said it was time to go back to the larger groups again because "whatever decisions we are now going to be making would be so monumental given the point of the calendar that we're at."

Stern wouldn't comment on reports that owners had softened their insistence on a hard salary cap in favor of adding more restrictions to the current cap system that allows teams to exceed it through use of certain exceptions. Nor would he say if the season could still start on Nov. 1 without any preseason play.

"I shouldn't deal with hypotheticals here," he said. "I'm focused on let's get the two committees in and see whether they can either have a season or not have a season, and that's what's at risk this weekend."

Kobe Bryant says Italy move 'very possible'

MILAN (AP)—Kobe Bryant said it's "very possible" he will play in Italy during the NBA lockout, adding the country is like home because he spent part of his childhood there.

Virtus Bologna has made numerous contract offers to the Los Angeles Lakers star. Bryant discussed the offer with the Gazzetta dello Sport during a sponsor's appearance in Milan on Wednesday.

"It's very possible. It would be a dream for me," Bryant said, according to the Gazzetta. "There's an opportunity that we've been discussing over the last few days. It's very possible and that's good news for me."

Bryant later spoke to a crowd—in Italian—at the event in Milan.

"I don't know what's going to happen over the next three or four weeks, but Italy has always been in my heart," Bryant said.

Virtus told The Associated Press that the latest talks are centered on a $2.5 million offer for 10 games over 40 days from Oct. 9 to Nov. 16. That would come out to about $1.5 million after taxes.

The deal would allow Bryant to return to the Lakers immediately if the lockout ends.

The 33-year-old Bryant spent several years in Italy when his father, Joe Bryant, played on five teams from 1984-91. The elder Bryant, who once owned a small part of Olimpia Milano, now coaches the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA.

"Italy is my home. It's where my dream of playing in the NBA started. This is where I learned the fundamentals, learned to shoot, to pass and to (move) without the ball," Kobe Bryant said, according to the Gazzetta. "All things that when I came back to America the players my age didn't know how to do because they were only thinking about jumping and dunking."

Turkish club Besiktas and at least one team in China have expressed interest in Bryant, a winner of five NBA championships and 13-time All-Star. However, he seems most interested in the Virtus offer.

"It's a huge honor for me to return to Italy. It's home for me," Bryant said in fairly fluent Italian in a video posted on the Gazzetta website. "It's always been a dream for me to play in Italy. We've got to wait and see what happens."

Virtus also recently reached out to Manu Ginobili, who played with Bologna before joining the San Antonio Spurs in 2002. Denver Nuggets forward Danilo Gallinari rejoined his former Italian club Olimpia Milano last week.

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the issue.

However, *Saipan Tribune* learned the DCCA cited conflicts with the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. block grant condition and contract between the agency and a visiting Korean baseball team as reasons for rescinding the MOU. The Korean baseball squad uses the facilities at the complex for its spring training from November to March for certain fees. An email to NMHC's Zenie Mafnas asking what specific conditions conflict with the MOU has yet to be answered at press time.

The MOU can be rescinded with or without cause and NMA said although they respect DCCA's decision, they will still find other ways to move forward with the planned takeover. NMA wants a hand in the maintenance and operation of the track and field facility, as it is the heart of its athletics development program in the CNMI.

"There are various benefits to such MOU. This is the only athletics facility in Micronesia (Oceania's North Pacific) that has met the IAAF requirement. NMA continues to provide annual athletics program to our CNMI children. These programs range from road races to the athletic activities in both gender base events ranging from elementary to high schools, moreover from college age individuals to our seniors citizens. Athletics certification benefits and coaching requirement are regularly provided to NMA by our regional development centers (OAA-RDC) and our international (IAAF) body. Keeping this facility in tip-top condition may also provide benefits for world athletes to avail this facility for any seasonal training," Tebuteb was quoted as saying during the signing of the MOU six months ago.

Now, Tebuteb said they will coordinate with NMASA for their next step.

"Without the MOU, NMA cannot move forward. I will wait for the next NMASA monthly meeting to officially request its position on DCCA's decision and then take it from there," Tebuteb said.

NMASA by virtue of PL No. 4-66 approved by then Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio during the 4th Legislature in 1984, has powers and duties in regulating the use, operation, and maintenance of sports facilities of the CNMI government (including the Oleai Sports Complex) under a memorandum between the association and the departments of Community and Cultural Affairs, Natural Resources, Education, Public Works, and the Office of the Governor.

Right now, the Division of Sports and Recreation is in charge of the entire Oleai Sports Complex, but NMASA in the past months has already expressed an interest in taking over the Oleai facilities.

A bill is pending at the House of Representatives, supporting the plan of NMASA to takeover of the Oleai Sports Complex. There is also an organization assessment report from Virginia-based Management Analysis, Inc. made last year, recommending the transfer of the Division of Sports and Recreation functions to NMASA.

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and Chico Kaipat provided the brunt of their team's offense, tallying nine points apiece.

The defense tightened on both ends in the second quarter, but DYS maintained a 32-27 edge at halftime.

DYS' Daryl Suarez converted an old-fashioned 3-point play late in the period to keep his team in the driver's seat.

Then in the third quarter DYS' John Darag delivered seven markers as his team surged ahead, 43-32, heading into the final canto.

Kagman fell out of sync in the period and allowed a lot of easy transition baskets to its rival. Most of Kagman's turnovers were unforced.

Sensing weakness at the start of the final period, DYS reloaded and finished the game strong.

Kagman's J.R. Pelisamen came off the bench for a string of nine points late in the final frame, but since midway through the third quarter DYS never had a doubt in this one.

John Cenir led DYS with 13 points, while Kagman's Mettao managed 15 in the loss.

DYS Rollers 76 – Cenir 13, DL Guerrero 10, Suarez 10, Taitano 8, Francisco 8, Deal Rosa 7, Darag 7, Diaz 7, Kwon 6.

Kagman 49 – Mettao 15, Kaipat 11, Pelisamen 10, Olopai 6, Cepeda 4, Laniyo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-19, 32-27, 43-32, 76-49.

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second semis battle, Joel Ortega and Kim Boranah will challenge Jerome Malasarte and Cris Obaldo. Winners of the semis games will play another playoff game for a chance to advance to the finals against Kanata Omori and Cleofe Santos, who sealed the first finals berth after sweeping their pool games.

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sion, Dizon snapped Butch Sublemente's winning streak.

Dizon completed the longer race in 1:40:28, more than two minutes ahead of Sublemente (1:42:50). Sublemente ruled the Bike for Life race in April this year, clocking in at 2:00:21 against Dizon's 2:00:34 and the latter also won several local events, while Dizon either finished second or third before stepping up last weekend.

Sublemente said he could not pull away from the pack as he had problems with his tires while negotiating the slippery road in Talafofo (road leading to Kingfisher Golf Links).

The 50K course had the same starting line and route, but before heading down Capital Hill, riders went to Kagman first and then the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Anthony Aguilar joined Dizon and Sublemente in the Top 3, as the former logged 1:55:17. Fourteen other bikers joined the 50K MTB race.

In the 50K road bike race, Carey recorded 1:37:25 to rule the 14-biker field. In second place and losing to Carey in a neck-and-neck finish was Lewie Tenorio (1:37:26). Willy Barbo rounded out the Top 3, timing in at 1:45:45.

The series of Bike for Life races is organized by PIC's Food and Beverage department to raise funds for cancer victims. Last weekend's race drew more than 100 bikers.

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MLB STANDINGS (FINAL)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	97	65	.599	—
y-Tampa Bay	91	71	.562	6
Boston	90	72	.556	7
Toronto	81	81	.500	16
Baltimore	69	93	.426	28

Central Division

x-Detroit	95	67	.586	—
Cleveland	80	82	.494	15
Chicago	79	83	.488	16
Kansas City	71	91	.438	24
Minnesota	63	99	.389	32

West Division

x-Texas	96	66	.593	—
Los Angeles	86	76	.531	10
Oakland	74	88	.457	22
Seattle	67	95	.414	29

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Philadelphia	102	60	.630	—
Atlanta	89	73	.549	13
Washington	80	81	.497	21 1/2
New York	77	85	.475	25
Florida	72	90	.444	30

Central Division

x-Milwaukee	96	66	.593	—
y-St. Louis	90	72	.556	6
Cincinnati	79	83	.488	17
Pittsburgh	72	90	.444	24
Chicago	71	91	.438	25
Houston	56	106	.346	40

West Division

x-Arizona	94	68	.580	—
San Francisco	86	76	.531	8
Los Angeles	82	79	.509	11 1/2
Colorado	73	89	.451	21
San Diego	71	91	.438	23

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 0
Colorado 6, San Francisco 3
Washington 3, Florida 1
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3, 13 innings
St. Louis 8, Houston 0
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 9, Chicago Cubs 2
L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 5
Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Baltimore 4, Boston 3
Detroit 5, Cleveland 4
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Yankees 7, 12 innings
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 1
Minnesota 1, Kansas City 0
Oakland 2, Seattle 0

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Participants and Tsunami Saipan coaches and swimmers pose for a group photo at the conclusion of the four-week swimming lessons at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi last Saturday.

40 complete ARC swim lessons

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Forty individuals finished the American Red Cross swim lessons conducted by Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Of the 40 participants, 28 got a Level 1 certification and six each were promoted to Level 2 and 3. The Level 1 certified swimmers were Claire Kautz, Evan James Mendiola, Seth Danielle and Shane Ada, Kristanna Lim, Megumi and Jhota Yoshino, Rentaro and Kana Suzuki, Aoi Iwasaki, Jack and Miles Linden, Natsuki and Kaisei Nagata, Sei Yu Jong, Na Hyun Kim, Clairke and Kyla Park, Isaiah Aleksenko, Gabrile Hochhalter, Ainah Chargualaf, Abigail Hamog, Hannah and Elisha Lacap, Rex Pixley, Mizuki Suzuki, Rafael Rusby, and Andrew Sablan.

Getting Level 2 certification were Mateo and Juan Guerrero, Jim Michael Ham, Domoinc Torres, Lucas Hochhalter, and Marcquin Stevenson. The Level 3 list had Jojette Agustin, Ernesto and Michael Hidalgo, Jacque Gordon, Juanita Fajardo, and Yulia Aleksenko.

Swimmers participated in a one-hour session for four Saturdays and learned from a pool of Tsunami Saipan swimmers and coaches, which include Hiro Kimura, Marystar Welch, Kaori Toda, Shigeki Tenorio, Marvin Lee, Midori Nishida, Kensuke Kimura, Daime Rivera, and Kaisei Toda. Tsunami Saipan president Stan Good was the swim course director, while Angel Tan, Angel De Jesus, Takumi Sugie, and Kaito Yanai served as assistant coaches.

Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said several swimmers who joined the four-week lessons will enroll in the club's development course.

"Tsunami will keep training young kids to become good swimmers," Kimura said.

Team CUC, Mixed-Blood 1, Try Luck pace divisions

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Jonny's Bar & Grill's Team CUC, D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Mixed Bloodshooters, and D'Pirates Try Luck currently are on the driver's seat of their respective divisions in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association.

Current SEDA A Division leader Mixed Bloodshooters 1 of D'Pirates Bar & Grill downed second place Celebrity, 10-7, in a road game at Oleai Beach Bar & Grill on Monday to maintain a two-game lead over the latter in the standings.

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Back on Friday, Team CUC ran over sister-team DPS Enforcers (37-53), 12-3, at home to improve its win-loss record to 67-23 in the 4th Inter-Government League.

Team CUC now holds a six-game lead over Oleai Beach Bar & grill's AG's Sakude.

AG's Sakude romped the DPW Troubleshooters (29-61), 14-1, on the road at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill, while AG's Atdit (56-34) ran over Jonny's NMC Proa (20-70), 13-2, at home in Oleai.

AG's Sakude's Jayson John scored a 160 High In and DYS Atdit's Julian Camacho marked a 160 High Out in their respective matches.

On Monday, A Division's Mixed Bloodshooters 1 downed current runner-up Celebrity, 10-7, on the road at Oleai to improve its record to 75-44 to take a two-game lead over its rival.

Third-ranked D'Pirates' Bud Brothers (68-51) edged out Gaia Bar's Gaiana-A (43-76), 9-8, at home; Oleai's Primos (46-73) upset D'Pirates' Predators (65-54), 9-8, at home; Oleai's Proofers (65-58) bested the Naked Fish Boyz (58-61), 12-5, in an away match at Naked Fish Bar & Grill; and Naked Fish's Ali'i Kamote's (56-63) defeated Wild Bill's Troubleshooters (50-69), 10-7, on the road.

Bud Brothers' Romuel Chavez recorded a 160 High In and Naked Fish Boyz's James Tudela a 117 High Out in their respective matches.

Try Luck, meanwhile, continued to reign supreme in the Ladies League on Monday, routing sister-team Star Magic (34-71), 14-1, at home.

Nineteen games back is Oleai's Man Amigas, which is all alone in second place.

Man Amigas brushed off the Daffodils (26-79), 11-4, in a road match at Joe's Bar, while Jonny's Island Girls (43-62) snuck past Joe's Just Like That (51-54), 8-7, for a sweet upset at home.

Man Amigas' Rita Fitial marked a High In 152 and Try Luck's Aida Laniyo a High In 118 in their respective matches.

Notably, Laniyo along with teammates Matrina Lisua and Rufina Guevarra are ranked first through third, respectively, in the individual statistics among a field of 39.

Cepeda tops Sunday 8-ball

Patrick Cepeda took first place in last Sunday's Happy Hour 8-Ball Tournament at 19th Hole, running his winning streak to three consecutive weeks.

Taylor Watanabe took second. He advanced to the loser's bracket final when Luis Aldan scratched after pocketing the 8-ball. Watanabe's cue-ball placement earned a win over George Ucherbelau, but Cepeda used the same skill to take the finals. Watanabe's other loss was also to Cepeda.

The tournament is double elimination following BCA rules, with sign-up starting at 4pm. The entry fee is only $5.

Victor Hocog took the 9-ball honors last Thursday, overcoming a one-game handicap. He didn't drop a game in the tournament.

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Happy Hour 8-Ball Tournament champion Patrick Cepeda is flanked by George Ucherbelau, left, and Taylor Watanabe following last Sunday's competition at 19th Hole.

The single-elimination tournament is a race to two, but experienced 9-ball players must win additional games—as determined by management—to advance.

Ron Chisato took second, with Watanabe in third place.

There is a $10 entry fee. Sign-up starts at 7 pm.

Saturday is for dart players, with a blind draw, double elimination tournament starting at 7:30 pm.

First, second, and third place finishers in all contests take home trophies and split the pot.

The contests are held at 19th Hole, located in Lower Navy Hill. Coming from Garapan, it is just before you get to the Bank of Hawaii traffic light, past Grand Market and before Jane's Barbecue.

Players can warm up with an ice-cold bucket of beer for $10 from 3pm to 7pm. Beer cans are only $2.50 after 7pm.

For more information, contact Rose or Ken Phillips at 788-5929. ***(PR)***

Dates confirmed for 2012 Oceania Baseball Championship

The upcoming 2012 Oceania Baseball Championship tournament dates have been confirmed.

The competition will be held at Guam's Paseo Stadium from Jan. 26 to Feb. 4, 2012.

Similar to the recent Pacific Games format, the CNMI will be competing against teams from Australia, New Zealand, Palau, Guam, and American Samoa in a single round-robin with page system final.

Players that turn 19 during the 2012 calendar year are not eligible to compete.

The roster is expected to be determined some time in early or mid November so the team can have adequate time to practice as a group.

To qualify for selection, a player has to be actively playing in the ongoing Summer/Youth Baseball League or participate in youth baseball camps, which will be conducted, by qualified Saipan Major League Baseball Association coaches.

Wood or composite bats will be used during the tournament and players in this league are urged to make the necessary adjustments and adapt to the use of these bats.

For more information, contact SML official Tony Rogolifoi at 288-5426. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

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NMA takeover of Oleai track put on hold

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Northern Marianas Athletics' takeover of the track and field facilities and three other venues inside the Oleai Sports Complex is on hold after the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs rescinded a three-party memorandum of understanding.

Runners get ready for the start of a race at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility during the 2011 All Schools Athletics Championships.
ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The MOU, which stated that DCCA and Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association is giving NMA the sole rights to use, manage, and maintain the track and field facility and also the weight room, two outside toilets, and office space on the west side entrance of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, was signed in April this year by NMASA president Michael White, DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao, and NMA president Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

However, after only six months and with NMA already establishing the final rules and regulations covering the usage of these facilities, DCCA sent a letter to the athletics group and other concerned parties about the nullity of the MOU.

Faisao in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday confirmed the cancellation of the MOU, but declined to further comment on

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Castro wins Bike for Life debut

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Youth biker Erico Castro bested 53 other riders in the 30K race in last Saturday's Bike for Life to have a winning debut in the fundraising event.

The 13-year-old rider timed in at one hour, 10 minutes, and 24 seconds to beat a bunch of veteran bikers and join the list of Bike for Life winners, which include men's 50K MTB champion Nap Dizon and 50K road bike top finisher Mieko Carey.

Castro reached the finish line at the southern parking lot of the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio more than a minute ahead of runner-up Robert Oropesa (1:11:34) and about three minutes faster than third placer Ricky Melchor (1:13:38). It was Castro's first victory in a long distance race—a big leap from his 15th place finish in last year's PIC Race for a Cause, which had a similar route.

Castro and other 30K bikers started the race at PIC and then went to the airport road, headed up to San Vicente, went down Capital Hill, and then back to PIC through Beach Road.

In the women's division, Bike for Life veteran Kimiko Hasegawa crossed the finished line first at the 1:27:57 mark. Joanna Salazar was the second female finisher in the MTB race of the 30K, clocking in at 1:30:15.

A couple of riders in their road bikes also joined the shorter race last weekend with another youth participant—Kaisei Toda—becoming the top finisher in his field. The 12-year-old Toda submitted 1:15:51 and placed seventh overall among 54 riders. Daniel Calvo was the second road bike finisher at 1:16:28, while Romeo Lanuza Jr. came in at third with his 1:22:55.

In the 50K race MTB divi-

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Gabriel, Malasarte save semis seat

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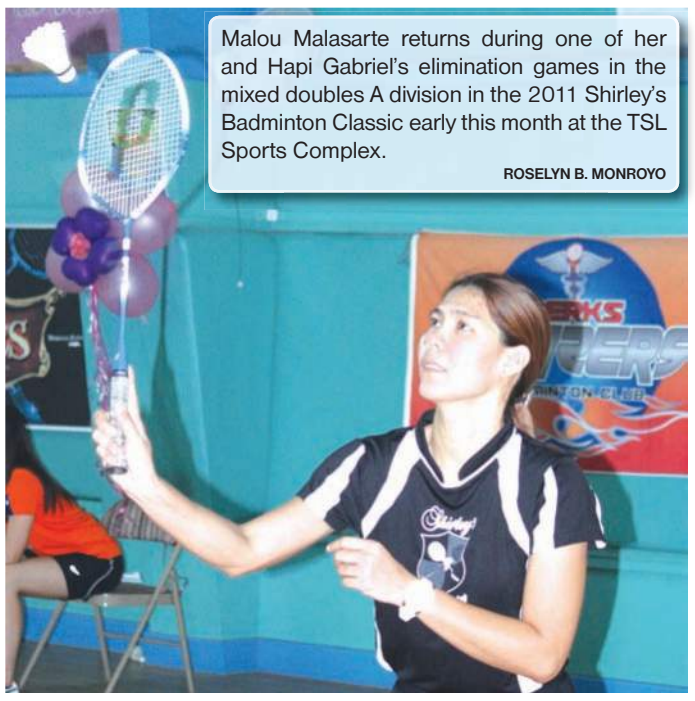

Malou Malasarte returns during one of her and Hapi Gabriel's elimination games in the mixed doubles A division in the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic early this month at the TSL Sports Complex.
ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Hapi Gabriel and Malou Masarte clinched the fourth and last semis berth in the centerpiece mixed doubles A division of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic after surviving a playoff match last Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Gabriel and Malasarte slipped past Gerry Hibi and Annarose Omori in three games to advance to the next round. The pair won the do-or-die match despite losing the opening game, 17-21. In the second game, Gabriel and Malasarte recovered with a 21-19 victory to force a deciding third game. Gabriel and Malasarte kept their momentum going in the final game, escaping with a 21-17 triumph to knock off Hibi and Omori.

The two pairs had to meet in a playoff match, as they finished the round-robin play with identical 3-4 records and tied for fifth to sixth place in the team standings. With the win in the tiebreaker, Gabriel and Malasarte marched to the semifinals and will face second-ranked Dick Guintu and Hannah Choi tonight.

The other semis pairing tonight will feature Ferdie Arago and Lanie Bartolome against Macoi Aguda and Marlene Peraja. Winners of the semis matches will then collide for the second and last finals ticket and face the unbeaten tandem of Angie Ito and Andrew Galvez in the championship game this Sunday. Ito and Galvez earned an outright finals seat after sweeping the elimination round and recording a 7-0 slate.

Meanwhile, the playoff match in the mixed doubles lower A between Ito and Rodwealth Espana and Galvez and Merlie Tolentino will also be played tonight after the game scheduled last night was cancelled. The two teams finished the elimination round with similar 4-4 slates.

The winner of the playoff tiff will move into the semifinals, joining Guintu and Toshiko Obata, Arago and Annette Quiambao, and Robert Reyes and Malasarte. Gary Bandoja and Choi had already secured the first finals ticket in the mixed doubles lower A division.

Also set for tonight are the semis duels in the mixed doubles C. In the first semis pairing, Brandon Talania and Wendy Fernandez take on Elna Curate and Luis Camacho, while in the

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DYS Rollers rout Kagman, 76-49

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DYS Rollers' John Laniyo drives baseline against Kagman Rollers' Ray Basa in their U19 Rotary caging match last Wednesday at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

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Rollers Basketball Club-Department of Youth Services Rollers pounced on the Ray Basa Kagman Rollers, 76-49, in Wednesday's Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 matchup held at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

DYS Rollers improved its win-loss card to 3-4, while Kagman dropped to just a pair of wins in six games.

The season continues tomorrow in Gualo Rai with the Sonics (5-1) taking on Hi-5 (3-3) at 5pm.

The DYS Rollers shared the ball well in the opening eight minutes and built an early 25-19 lead.

John Cenir paced DYS with six points in the first quarter, while Kagman's Frank Mettao

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